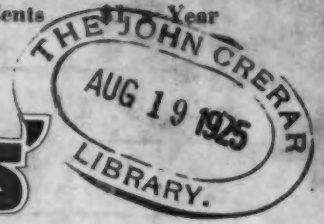
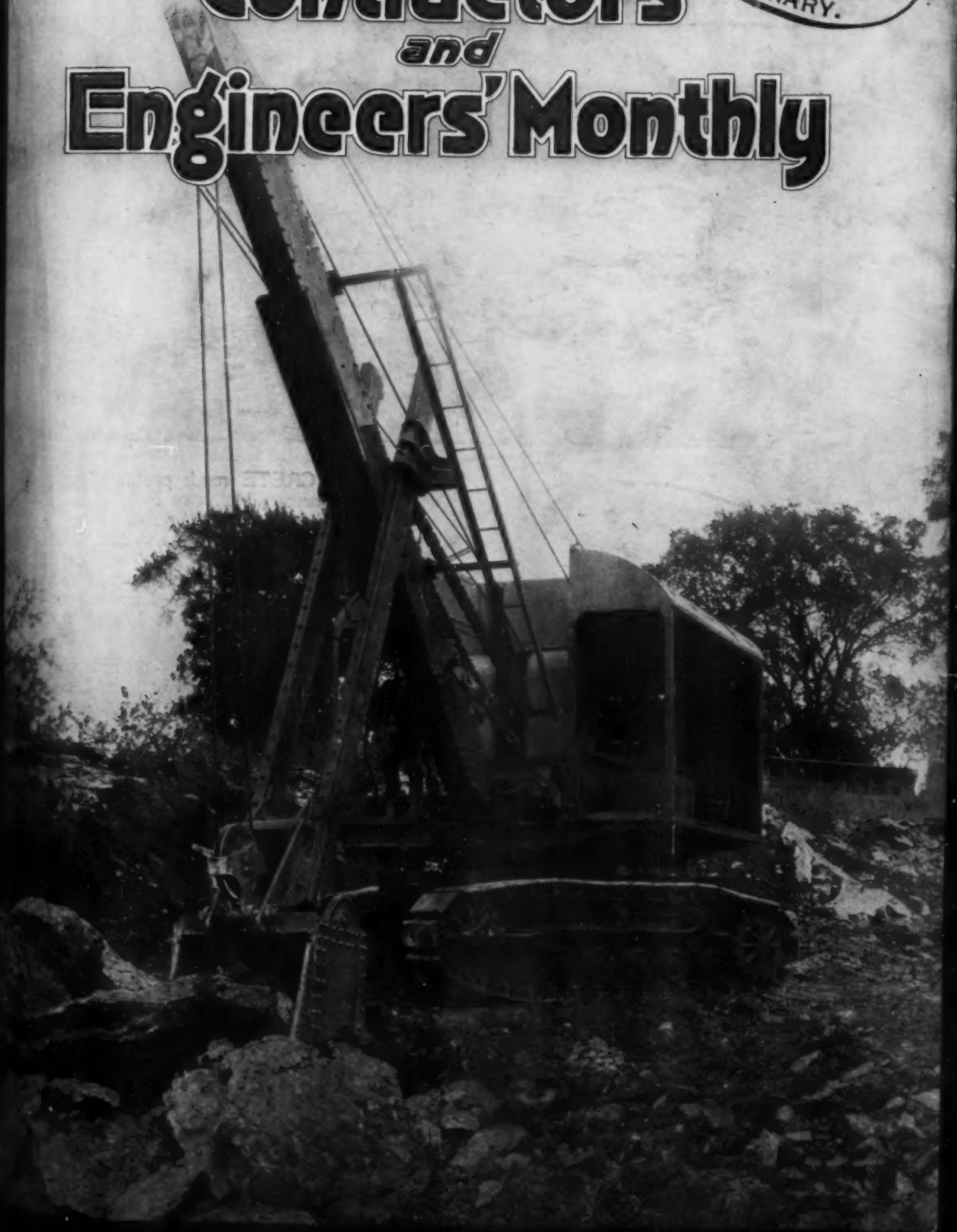


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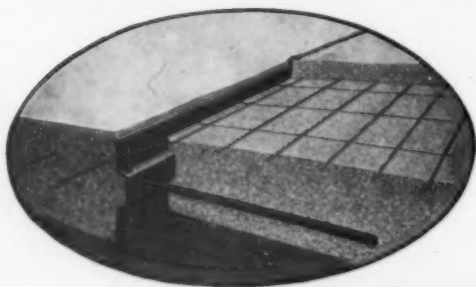
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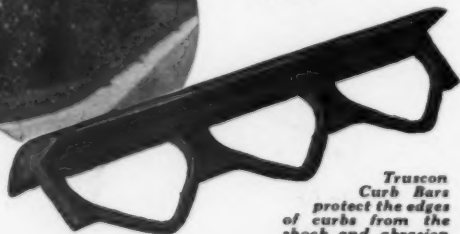
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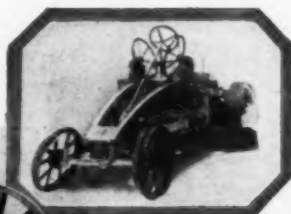
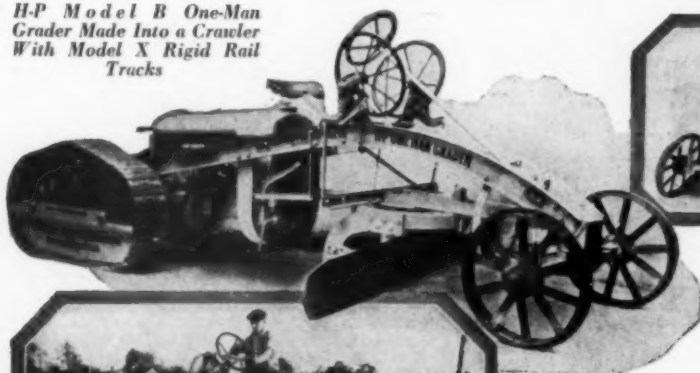
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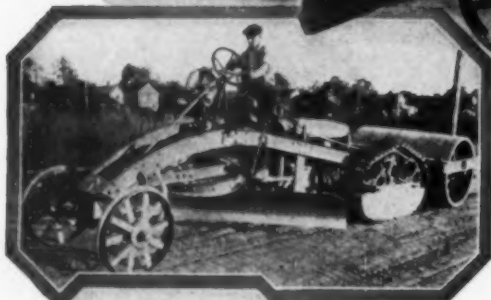
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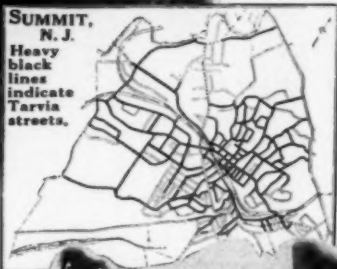
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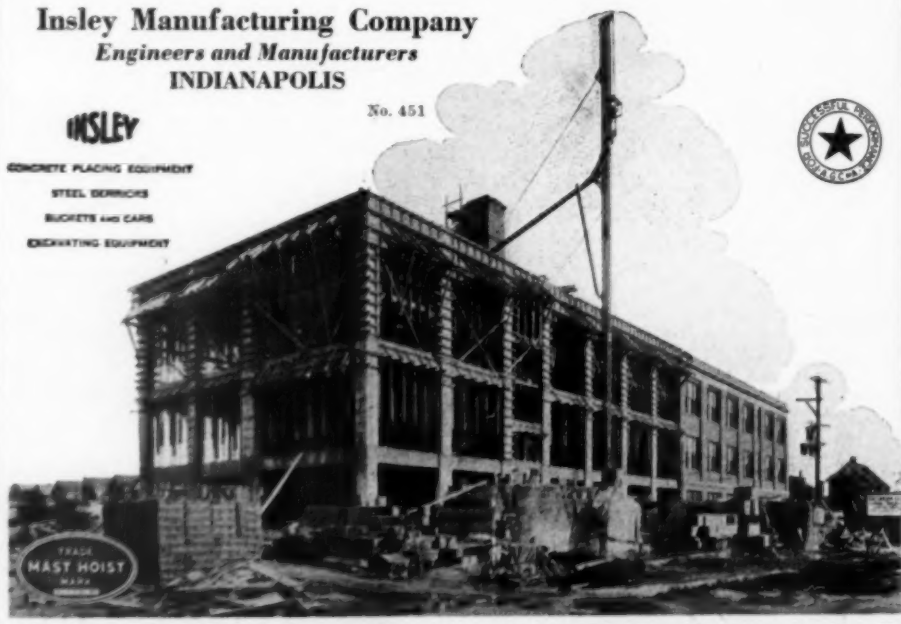
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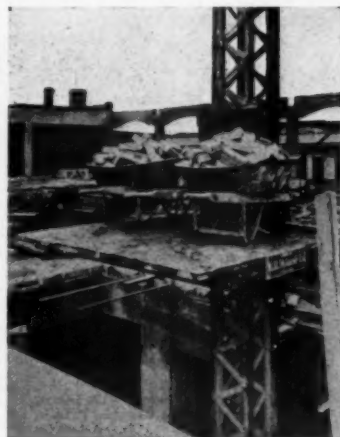
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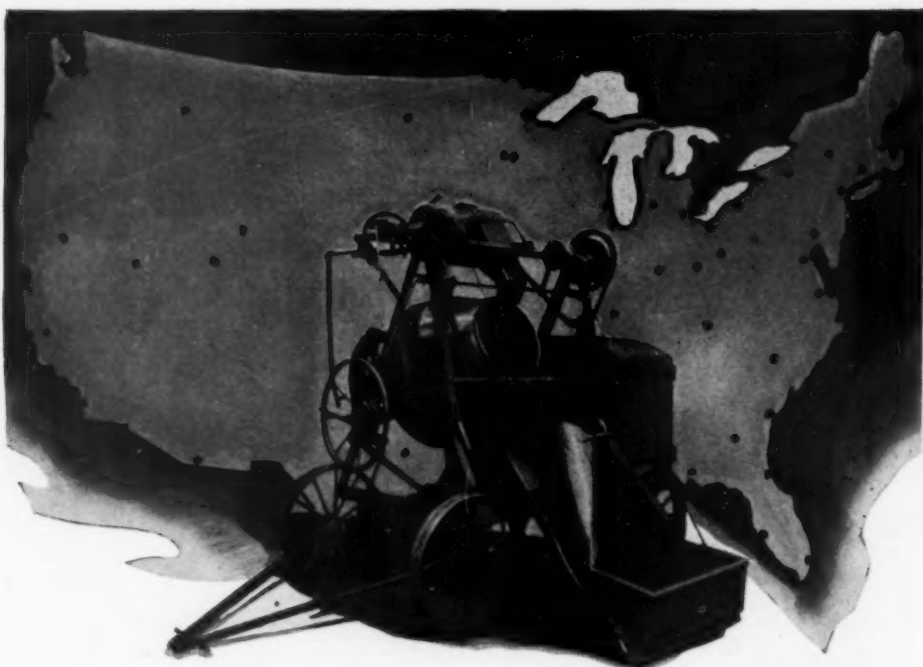
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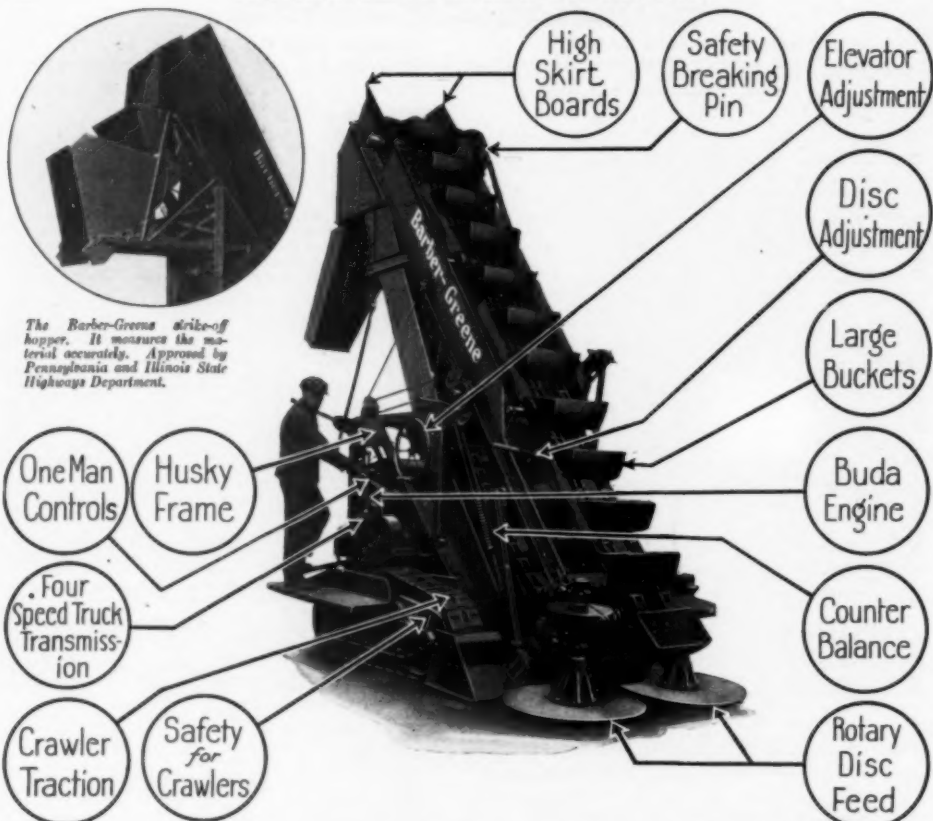
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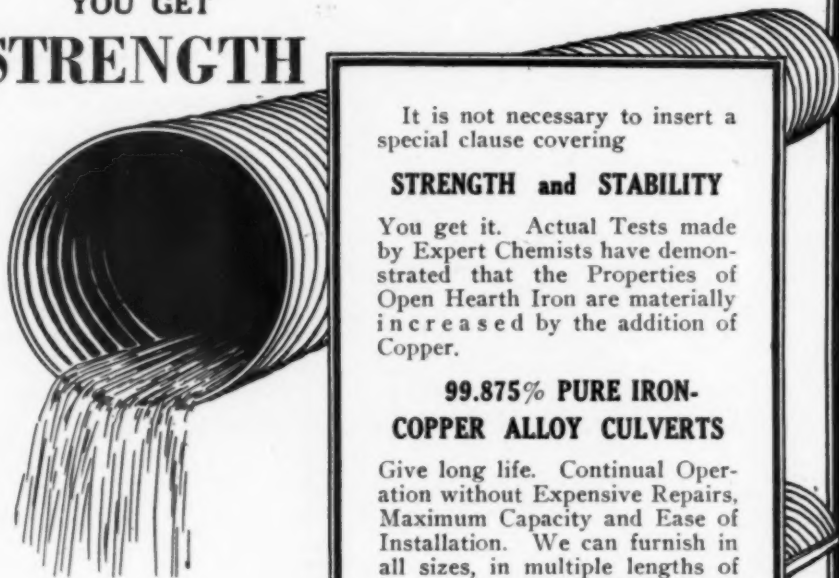
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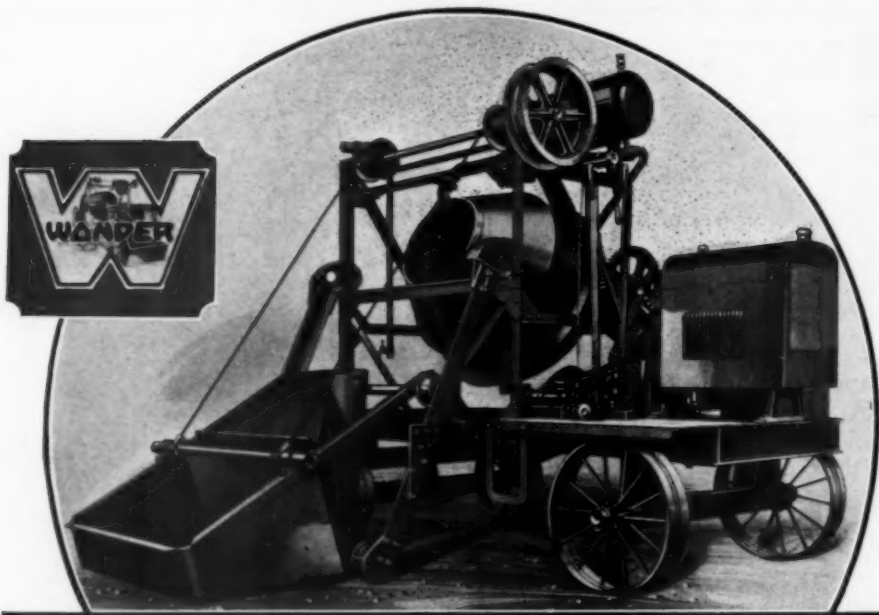
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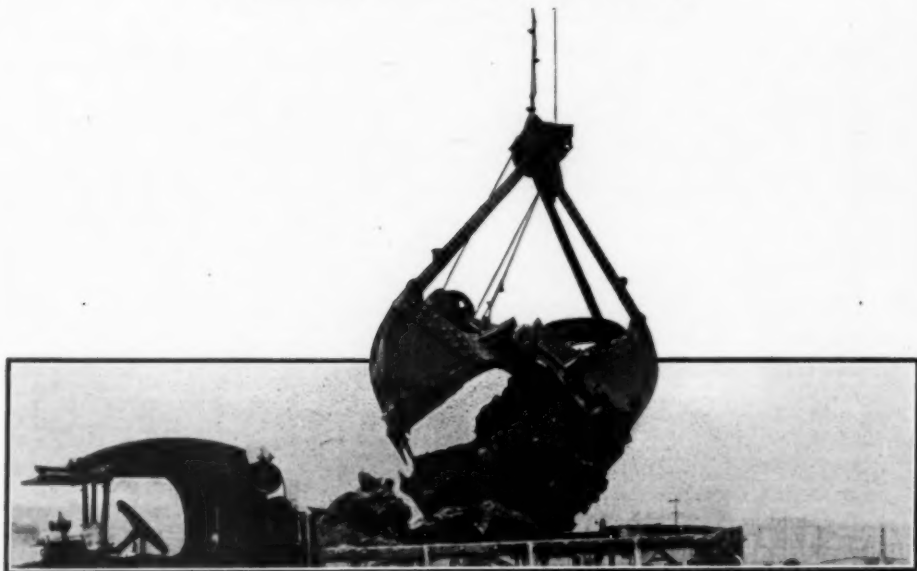
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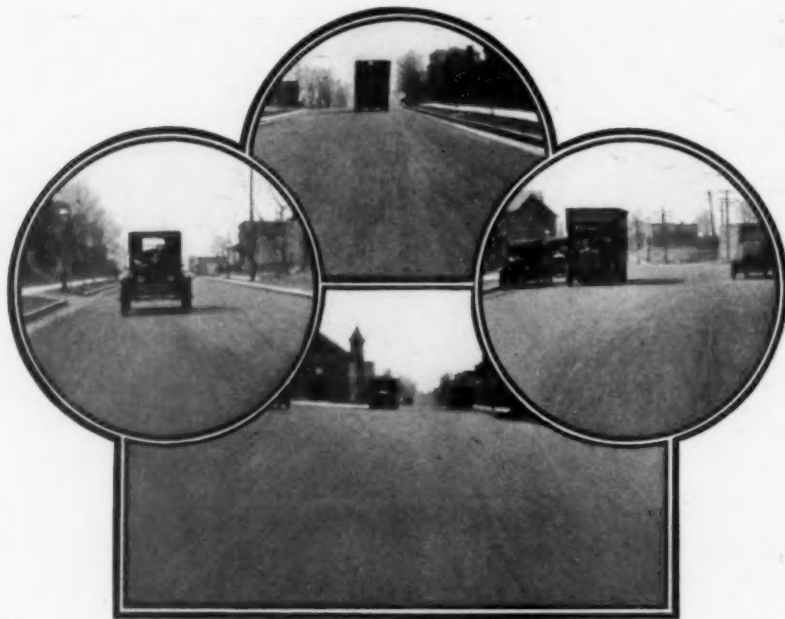
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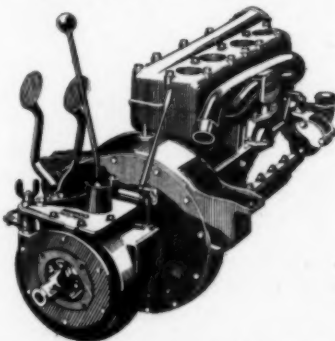
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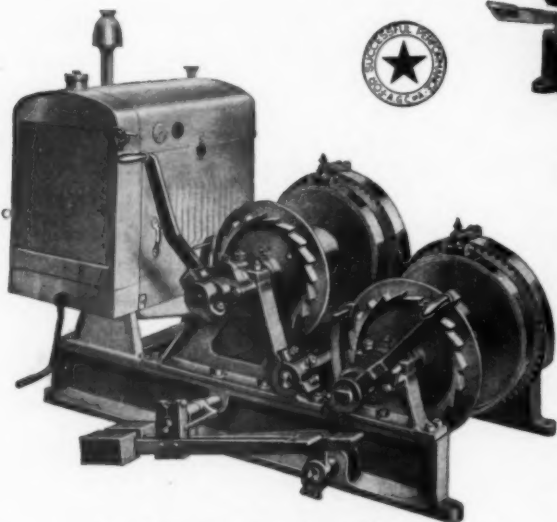
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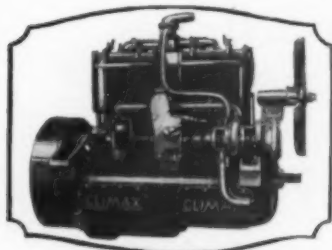
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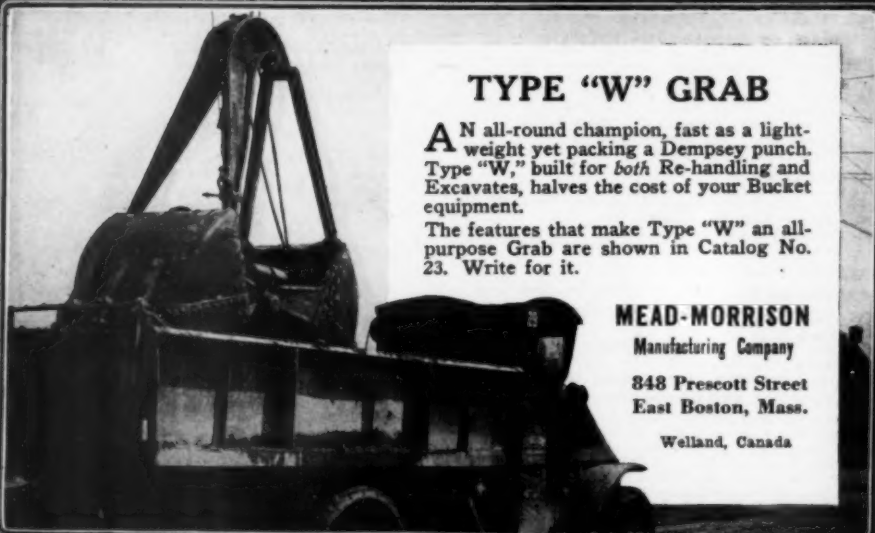
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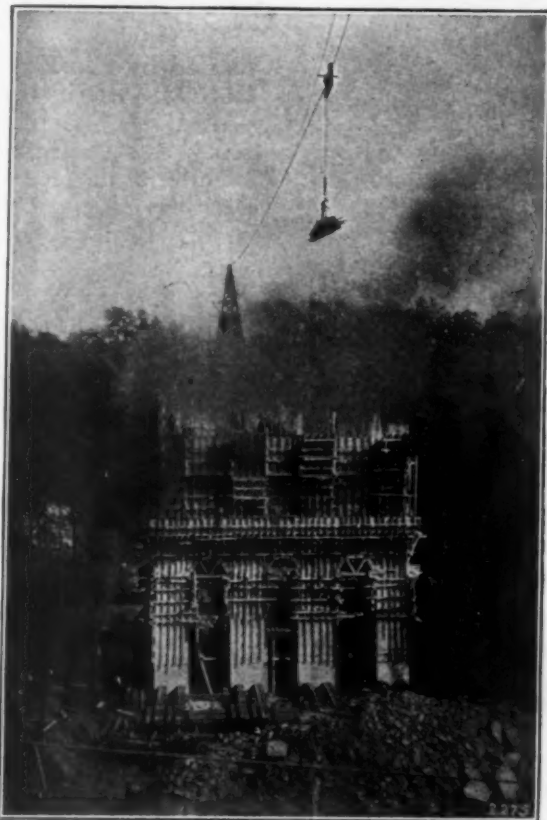
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Contractor Used Minimum Equipment and Kept Heavy Traffic Moving

By W. F. Borden

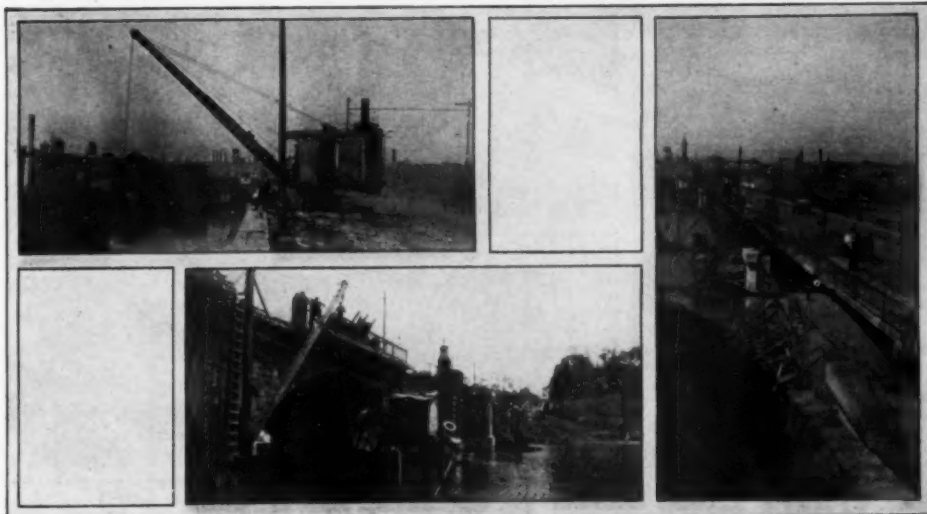
Resident Engineer, Bridge Department, New Jersey State Highway Commission

THE old Albany Street bridge, which carries heavy traffic between New York and all points south through New Brunswick to Philadelphia, was 750 feet long and consisted of three spans of structural steel, one of which was a bascule lift-span supported on piers of stone and concrete masonry which formed the bridge over the canal. This structure continued eastward as seven earth-filled arches of bridge masonry faced with cut stone supported on piers of stone masonry. The total length of the bridge and approaches was 1,630 feet.

This structure carried a paved roadway 24 feet wide with two trolley-car tracks and a 10-foot 8-inch sidewalk on either side, giving a total width of 45 feet. The approaches on both the New Brunswick and Highland Park sides consisted of earth fill supported on retaining walls of stone masonry on either side of the roadway.

Need for Widening and Strengthening Bridge Structure

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WIDENING AND BACKFILLING OPERATIONS

Above.—Erie crane excavator backfilling behind new walls of bridge. Below.—Excavating for widening of Pier 4 on the south side of the Albany Street Bridge. At right.—Erecting spandrel wall forms on Arch No. 7 in April, 1924

hauling, the scouring of several of the foundations of the bridge piers which were carried on wooden cribbing, and the deplorable condition of the roadway necessitated general reconstruction.

Some of the difficulties with which the contractor was faced may be appreciated when it is realized that this bridge, in addition to carrying a constant stream of heavy traffic, carried the Public Service Electric Company's electric power and lighting conduits and gas pipe, as well as the cables of the New York Telephone Company, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the Postal Telegraph Company, all of which are main trunk lines. Further, the Raritan River is subject to flood conditions both spring and fall, which made it necessary to get the foundation work out of the way before the projected cribbing might be endangered by flood conditions.

Outline of Work

The reconstruction project called for the widening of the total structure from 45 feet to 61 feet. A portion of the retaining walls and spandrel walls on the south side of the structure were removed, as well as a portion of the decks of the three steel spans; the masonry piers, arch rings and abutments were extended, and new retaining walls and spandrel walls were constructed, together with a partial new deck on the three steel spans over the canal. The extension of the arch rings and piers was filled with earth and broken stone, forming a compact subgrade for the paving and walks.

The concrete sidewalk and curb and iron guard on the north side of the structure were not disturbed except on the west approach, where they were rebuilt. The concrete subwall on the north curb line was removed by cutting it near the surface of the old sidewalk and removing both the concrete and the pipe railing.

The entire roadway was repaved with granite block pavement bonded with asphalt. The Michael

Staub and Kolyn Construction Company, 207 Commonwealth Building, Trenton, N. J., the engineers and contractors on this job, made all the necessary changes in the relocation of the electric light poles, conductors, conduits, drains, catch-basins, and sewers.

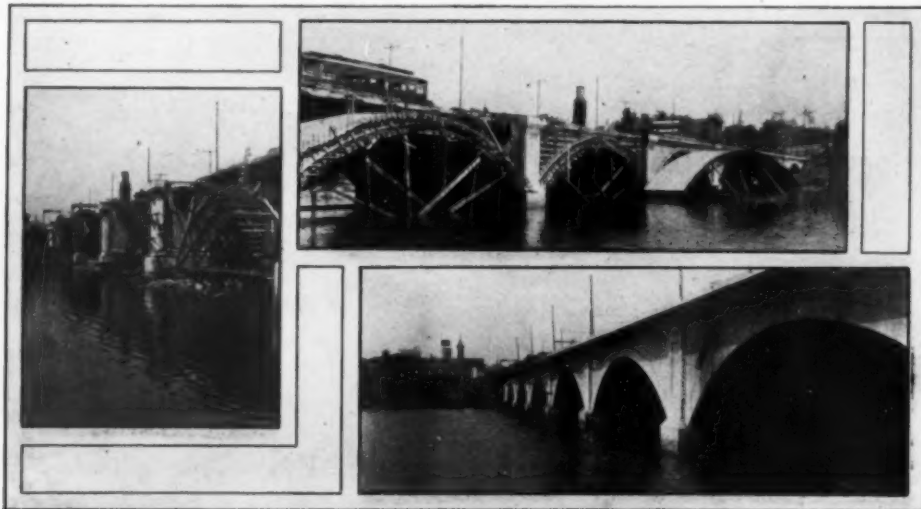
Another of the many problems which were successfully solved was the maintenance of one-way traffic on the tracks of the Public Service Railway Company at all times. There were two trolley-car tracks on the bridge, one of which was always in service.

The West Approach

The west or New Brunswick approach is about 140 feet in length. The work on this section of the job consisted in removing the stone retaining wall and constructing a new concrete retaining wall. This necessitated the removal of a frame bridge house and a portion of the back of two brick buildings, which were repaired to the satisfaction of the owners. In performing this work an existing 48-inch brick sewer had to be safeguarded. This sewer was extended on the east end with a 48-inch concrete sewer which emptied into the Raritan Canal.

The Two Fixed Steel Spans

The two fixed steel spans, each about 65 feet in length, had two deck girders in each span. The decks of these spans were of reinforced concrete. The concrete was cut in such a manner as to leave the transverse reinforcing rods bare and projecting so as to form a bond with the new deck. The cut was made inside of the south girder in order to release that girder, which was moved to a new position about 15 feet south, and a new girder was placed in the location of the one which had been moved. Following this, the entire superstructure of the two spans was raised about one foot above



THE ALBANY STREET BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND AS COMPLETED

At left.—Blaw-Knox centering in place ready for lagging. At top.—Moving arch centers on float from Arch No. 4 to Arch No. 1. Below.—Arch forms and sidewalks completed July 30, 1924. The arches measure 85 feet between spring lines, with a 14-foot, 6-inch rise. Each arch ring contains 132 cubic yards of concrete and 9,761 pounds of reinforcing



MIXING AND PLACING CONCRETE ON ALBANY STREET BRIDGE

At right.—Koehring mixer, stiff-leg derrick, and one of the two Ford one-ton trucks which handled as many as 20 batches of concrete per hour in heavy traffic. At left.—Depositing concrete on top of spandrel

the former elevation, to conform to the new grade of the roadway.

The south side of the two fixed steel spans was carried on cribbing built up from the top of pilings during the construction work. This piling was driven from a special derrick boat built on the job for the low work. The cribbing had to carry the entire south portion dead load, trolleys, and vehicular traffic live loads until the new steel was in place and connected up, or for a period of about one week.

The new reinforced concrete deck was securely bonded to the old deck and extended so as to complete the structure to the required extended width. To effect the raising of these two steel spans, which weigh a total of about 500 tons, eight hydraulic jacks were used. Both spans were raised at one time, the work being done between one and six in the morning. During this period, when traffic is always light, no vehicles were permitted to cross this bridge, this being the only time that the structure was closed to traffic during the entire job.

The Bascule Lift-Span

The old bascule lift-span was about 60 feet in length and formed the opening for water traffic on the Raritan Canal. It consisted of two plate girders supporting a wooden floor paved with wood block. This span was widened and necessarily extended about 10 feet to take care of the skew. Its treatment in general was similar to that of the two fixed steel spans as described above.

The alteration of the lift-span necessitated the cutting away of a considerable portion of the old concrete counterweight and also a part of the concrete deck of the adjacent fixed span, to make it possible to get at the counterweight. A wooden deck was built over this portion to carry traffic during the structural work on the bascule span. The Raritan Canal was closed for a month during this work.

The bascule lift-span was cribbed up on both the north and the south side under the entire structure, this being necessary because the span had to be raised bodily 14 inches after the jacks were in place. All rivets and bolts were removed before the jacking was started. The 14-inch lift of the draw-span took just 55 minutes, while the making fast and bolting up, raising the trolley tracks adjacent to the draw on both sides for a distance of 25 feet,

and planking over the counterweights for vehicles, all consumed five hours.

The Seven Arch Spans

Each of the seven consecutive brick arches over the Raritan River were 85 feet in length. The piers and foundations on which they were supported were extended on the south side about 17 feet with plain concrete masonry. The arch rings, spandrel walls, counterforts and sidewalks of the new portion of the structure were built up of reinforced concrete thoroughly bonded to the old cut stone facing of the existing structure. The extrados of the extension of the arch ring at the back of the new spandrel wall were covered with fabric waterproofing, which was extended upward over the face of the old cut-stone facing of the arches so as to form a flashing 12 inches high.

All of the old earth filling was retained and more earth filling with broken stone was added to bring the subgrade up to the proper level for the roadway and sidewalks.

The stone masonry on the existing eight piers on which the arches were supported has been protected by an extra covering of concrete 18 inches thick, bonded to the stone masonry by a system of reinforcing rods. This protection was extended from the spring line to the bottom of the old foundation masonry.

The East or Highland Park Approach

The approach on the east side of the structure is 700 feet in length. The old stone retaining wall and steps on the south side were removed and new concrete retaining wall constructed about 13 feet south of the existing one. The new work consisted of building a flight of concrete steps and replacing the roadway paving with new granite blocks.

How the Work Progressed

The contract for this entire job was awarded on December 19, 1923, and work actually began on December 27, 1923, when the contractor started excavating and removing the old wall on the east approach. An Erie steam shovel was used for the excavation on the east approach, with three White trucks hauling away the spoil. An Ingersoll-Rand compressor and three drills were used in breaking down the old wall and drilling the rock. About the middle of January some blasting was carried

on in removing rock on the east approach. About the same time wet excavation with the clam-shell bucket began on the piers. As much excavation as possible was handled before the coffer-dam frames were set. Following this, Lackawanna sheet steel piling was driven, using a Vulcan steam pile hammer. This work was continued day and night, as it was considered necessary to get the job out of the way as quickly as possible.

The total adjusted cost of the bridge was \$400,000. The first estimate allowed on January 20, 1924, was \$24,190.76.

Building Up the Arches

Each old brick arch was widened about 17 feet with a new concrete section that was built up on Blaw-Knox steel centering which was cribbed up on the spring line of the arches. The centering was floated in and out of position on the tide. This made it necessary to do a considerable portion of the work during twilight. The arches have a span of 85 feet and a rise of 14½ feet.

Concrete Encasement of Old Piers

The first work done on the piers was the placing of the new foundation on the side where the widening took place. This consisted of 1:2:4 concrete placed in the dry within the coffer-dam built up of Lackawanna sheet steel piling. Following this, the 18-inch encasement around the old pier was carried out similarly in the dry. The foundation of the widened portion was bonded to the old by carrying the horizontal reinforcement of the 18-inch concrete encasement into the body of the concrete.

The 18-inch encasement concrete was bonded to the old pier by anchor bolts. The encasement was carried out in the form of a wedge with a steel angle at the apex to form an ice-breaker on the north side of the bridge.

Reconstruction of Bascule Span

A stiff-leg derrick had to be built at the side of the structure and the legs held with old granite paving, because the roadway could not be obstructed with any equipment of this type. This stiff-leg derrick handled all of the steel work for the widening of the bascule span. Special piling had to be driven to carry the derrick, and then, following the completion of the work, the piling had to be pulled.

Because of the constant jarring of the bridge structure by traffic during all the work, it was impossible to use a transit on the structure to line up the three trunnions, so the engineers reverted to the old 3-4-5 right triangle to set the line of the two outer trunnions and to line up the main trun-

nion bearing, and then placed the third trunnion, which was 17 feet from the southerly bearing, by stretching a wire across the centers of the outer bearings. Particular mention should be made of the work of Albert Mattson, General Superintendent for the contractors, and Howard Glenn, Assistant Superintendent in this work, as well as their fine spirit of cooperation throughout the entire project.

The reconstruction necessitated the lowering of the main counterweight pins. In order to do this, the counterweight itself had to be shored up, and while the pin was lowered only 2¼ inches, this was one of the most delicate pieces of work connected with the entire operation. A special cutting reamer had to be devised to cut out the bearing in the main sheet to exactly the proper depth.

So well was this work on the bascule handled that when the Straus Bascule Bridge Company's representatives inspected the bridge at the completion of the work, it was found that the enlarged lift-span could be raised in 61 seconds and lowered in 62 seconds, and fitted accurately, and used the same quantity of current for raising and for lowering the span, showing the perfect balance of the structure and the excellent alignment of all bearings.

Atlas Lumnite cement was used in pouring the new portion of the counterweight. Considerable experimenting was necessary to secure the necessary weight of concrete, which was 250 pounds per cubic foot. A 1:1:1½ mix was found necessary to secure this required weight. This is the first time that this kind of cement has been used in bulk.

Quantities of Materials

In the reconstruction of the Albany Street Bridge, 6,000 square yards of old granite block paving were removed, 7,000 square yards of new granite block paving laid, 6,000 yards of new 6-inch concrete base were laid, and a total of 8,000 cubic yards of concrete used in the entire project. Ninety tons of Havemeyer reinforcing steel were used, and 115 tons of structural steel. The earth excavation amounts to 3,000 cubic yards, the rock excavation 3,500 cubic yards, and the back-fill 3,500 cubic yards.

The time of completion specified in the contract was 225 working days. Because of delays over which the contractor had no control, the state granted a 40-day extension, making an adjusted number of days for completion of 265. At the end of this time the entire work was 100 per cent completed and all equipment removed from the site.

Contractor Not a Guarantor of the Owner's Defective Plans

A Limitation of the Builder's Responsibility

A BUILDING contractor is not responsible for collapse of a structure where he has erected it according to plans and specifications provided by the owner, holds the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Hammel vs. Van Sickle, 128 Atlantic Reporter, 247. Concerning a contractor's responsibility for the falling of a garage, the Court approved the following statement made by a lower court:

"It appears that the plaintiff had submitted a

sketch. When the defendant constructed the building of the materials and in the manner called for by it, his duty to the plaintiff was at an end. It was not his duty to pass upon the sufficiency or fitness of the building for the uses to which the plaintiff intended to build it. This was the plaintiff's responsibility when he provided the sketch. As was said in the case of Drummond vs. Hughes, 91 N. J. Law, 563, 104 A. 137: 'Plaintiff was entitled to the house he bargained for and not a better house.'

Bubbles and Wires Cause Troubles

Too Great Refinement Gets on Instrument Man's Nerves on Many Building Jobs

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THERE are a great many building contractors trying to force instrument men on foundation jobs and building construction to use levels and transits that would do credit to a geodetic survey party or a railroad outfit taking 1,000-foot shots. These instruments have very sensitive bubbles which jump all over the place when the steam shovel or riveting hammer cuts loose near-by; and the cross-wires on the engineer's level are so fine that it is difficult to use them on near shots. The engineer using them for long distances out in the open needs a fine wire because a coarser wire would intercept too much space on the stadia rod. On the other hand, heavy wires in the telescope are an advantage on building construction, as they can be easily seen.

It is not good business to use the instrument for long shots as well as close-up work. The contractor should have an instrument specially designed for the particular kind of work he is undertaking. If the contractor would write or go to a reliable maker of transits and levels and tell him the purpose for which he needs an instrument, the manufacturer would give him advice on the proper degree of sensitiveness of the level bubble required for that particular service. Frequently, however, after it is too late the contractor discovers that the old transits or levels which he has bought are awkward because of their supersensitiveness, require more skill to handle and are expensive to adjust and repair. Not only is time and money wasted because of the improper degree of sensitivity of the level vial, but there are many cases where a complete surveyor's transit is not required and, in fact, its use is an unnecessary risk because it is too complicated and involved for the big-fisted foreman. For general construction work the contractor should secure an instrument which is a good level with the level vial at the proper sen-

sitivity for his type of construction work and also with the essential features of the builder's transit. This type of instrument is popular with construction foremen not only because it is simple to operate, but also because there is less expense involved in case of accident. In addition to being a reliable level, it can also be used to quickly plumb columns, end posts on buildings, etc., extend lines and also set points exactly between two known points. The instrument will turn horizontal angles to an accuracy within five minutes. These things cannot be done with an engineer's level.

Price is the basis on which many builders and contractors invest in levels and transits. Comparatively cheap new instruments are usually not made of the proper material and are affected too easily by changes in temperature. On account of pride, when a man has bought an instrument, he usually sticks to it, even though it is somewhat of a disappointment. In making a purchase of this type, a contractor should not close his eyes to everything but price, and when he finds an instrument unsatisfactory, he should throw off his pride as well as the instrument which he has bought unwisely.

The sweet and temporarily satisfying song of low price never equals the bitterness of low quality. Haven't you found when you purchase something at a slightly higher price, that when you shop around you can usually purchase something apparently as good at a lower price? In the majority of cases, however, when you shop around with a price specification and with little other information, you find that you have not only wasted your time but made a poor bargain as well. Price is not everything; quality is an essential, but be sure when buying a level or transit that you secure one which is built for the type of job you intend to use it on.

The All-Western Road Show

Great Interest Is Already Evident in Show to Be Held in San Francisco November 9-14

THE All-Western Road Show which is to be held in San Francisco November 9-14, 1925, under the auspices of the Western Construction Equipment Distributors, is arousing great interest throughout the western portion of the United States. Preparations are being made for 10,000 visitors, and large delegations of contractors, supervisors, county commissioners, engineers, and municipal officials are coming from every point in the western third of the country to take in this first large show of road-building, excavating, and quarry equipment ever held in the West.

A separate day during show week is set apart for each group of visitors to the show—Tuesday is to be Engineers' Day, Wednesday Supervisors' Day, Thursday Contractors' Day, and Friday Dealers' Day. Conventions on the show grounds will be held on each of these days, and in addition to viewing the machinery exposition, visitors will have a chance to meet others in the same line of

work and profit by a mutual discussion of their problems.

The Executive Committee, consisting of Edward R. Bacon, of Edward R. Bacon Company, Charles A. Spears, of the Spears-Wells Machinery Company, and P. H. Curtis, of the *Western Highways Builder*, announce that they have received orders for exhibition space from most of the leading manufacturers throughout the country, and ground plans provide for nearly 100,000 square feet of space for exhibits alone. Eighteen acres of the site of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in the Marina in San Francisco have been engaged for the show, and ample room is thus provided for the standing exhibits under canvas as well as for the demonstration show in the open.

The Finance Committee, consisting of T. W. Harron, of Harron, Rickard and McCone Company, and G. T. Alm, of the Coast Road Machinery Company, are receiving applications.

Why Wire Rope Can't Be "Bad" in Spots

By B. T. Macy

AN idea that prevails to quite an extent among wire rope users is that a rope may be bad in spots and good a short distance from such spots. They probably make the mistake of thinking of wire rope in the same terms as manila or hemp ropes, which are made of short vegetable fibers, varying from one inch to six feet in length. The making of wire rope is altogether different, and the chances for imperfections and bad spots in the wire, or the finished rope, are practically eliminated in the course of manufacture.

A brief review of the process of manufacturing wire cable will show how difficult it would be to assemble a number of long wires of small diameter so that defective spots (if any existed in the individual wires) would appear together within a short space in the finished cable.

To start with, a steel of proper analysis is cast into a heavy ingot. After suitable heat treatment, this ingot is rolled between many reducing rollers, and as the metal becomes elongated into bars, these bars are cut into shorter lengths, called billets. Only billets of proper texture and properties are passed to the wire mill for drawing into rope wire. The billet is considered the raw material of the wire mill.

The billet is a bar of steel about 4 feet long and 4 inches square, weighing about 300 pounds. This billet, while hot, is passed through twenty to thirty more reducing rolls until it is reduced to a rod or wire about 3/16-inch in diameter and about 1/2-mile in length. From this 3/16-inch size wire rod the work of reducing the wire to proper size for rope wire is done by drawing the wire through a number of steel dies with holes slightly smaller in diameter than the wire. This operation of reducing the wire is done while the steel is cold. As the wire becomes smaller, each reduction is but a few one-thousandths of an inch, and it takes many such small reductions and handling to produce wires of proper quality and size for small-diameter wire ropes.

After each drawing operation the wire is tested for various properties to see if it will stand further working. If the test is satisfactory, the wire is then heat-treated and cleaned and allowed to cool for the next reduction. If, on the other hand, the wire shows negative properties for use as rope wire, the wire is rejected for further development in the rope mill, and is used for manufacturing cheaper grades of market wire. None of the wire not suitable for rope wire is wasted, as there is a demand for all grades of wire.

Individual wires in a small cable, say 3/4-inch diameter, are quite small. A single wire, one mile in length, of the size used in 3/4-inch diameter rope, would weigh but 15 to 20 pounds, while we started with a bundle of large size wire weighing about 300 pounds. This large bundle of wire has now been reduced to many smaller bundles weighing from 30 to 75 pounds each.

The next operation in the manufacture of a 6 x 19 cable, for example, is to wind these small spools of wire on spools. Nineteen of these spools

are then set in a spinning or twisting machine. The product of this machine is what is known as strand. This 19-wire strand is wound on six larger spools. These six spools containing strand, together with a spool containing a hemp center, are now placed in a larger machine which twists or lays the six strands and hemp center together to make up the size of 6 x 19 construction cable for which these strands were designed. The finished cable is usually wound on reels containing from 5,000 to 10,000 feet. Again, before the cable is shipped to users it must be unreel, measured, cut, and rewound for shipment. Thus, many eyes inspect all processes of manufacture as well as the finished rope.

It is quite apparent from the foregoing that an analogy between a hemp and a wire rope fails. Each wire in a wire rope is thousands of feet, and sometimes miles, long, and if we consider the number of times the steel was handled and treated from the ingot produced by the furnace, to the finished wire in the rope mill, and then consider that the wire during the process of manufacture has been carefully tested many times at both ends, it is hard to conceive how any considerable number of 114 wires in the rope could show defects. It is still more improbable, or we may say, impossible, that defective spots in a number of wires could localize to such an extent in the finished rope as to produce what is termed a "bad spot" in either a strand or a complete rope.

Any user of wire rope who finds a number of broken wires or excessive wear in spots on his cable should look carefully into the conditions under which the rope is operating, as he will generally find that some local condition is responsible for this wear.

To locate the cause of such localized wear, the operator should carefully mark the spot with white lead or red lead, or pull some waste through the broken wires; then the frayed ends of the waste will mark this spot in a manner so that it can be followed through an entire cycle of operation. The operator should be careful to notice where this spot on the cable is located on the machine during the cycle of operation when the greatest stress is on the cable. Quite often the operator will be able to locate a defective sheave, poor alignment, crowding of the cables on the drum, or obstruction in the path of the cable, which causes this localized wear.

Spots are sometimes caused by accidents or damage to the cable, and therefore the cause would not be discovered by normal operation of the wire rope. If the cause for these spots is discovered but for some reason or another cannot be removed, because of the pit or operating conditions, the life of the cable can often be prolonged by changing the cable end for end, or by changing the connections of the cable, or by shortening the cable so as to bring the bad spot of the cable away from the cause, thereby distributing the severe wear or abrasion to another part of the cable.—*Sauerman News*.

Legal Points for Contractors

These brief abstracts of court decisions in the contracting fields may aid you in avoiding legal difficulties. Local ordinances or state laws may alter the conditions in your community. If in doubt, consult your own lawyer

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Contractor's Right to Rescind Agreement for Owner's Default

Where contractors are prevented by the owner's conduct from duly completing the contract, and are themselves without fault, they may sue for damages for breach of the agreement, or cancel the contract and sue for the value of the work done under it, holds the Maryland Court of Appeals in the case of *Hipple vs. Mason*, 127 Atlantic Reporter, 385. The Court said:

"If he [the owner] in fact committed a breach of the contract by failing to pay earned amounts to which the contractors were entitled, and by ordering them [the contractors] to leave the work because of their disagreement, on that subject, there is no just reason why any provisions of the contract thus rescinded should be available as a ground for defense to a claim for labor and materials furnished at the owner's request in the improvement of his property."

Contractor's Responsibility in Obstructing Public Ways

Despite the fact that a street may be temporarily closed to general traffic in the performance of construction work, a contractor must anticipate reasonable use of the street and exercise reasonable care to avoid injury to persons so using it, holds the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors in the late case of *Wright vs. Blakeslee*, 128 Atlantic Reporter, 113.

Defendants were paving one-half of a street, and that part was closed to vehicular traffic. But street cars were operated along the center of the street and persons alighting at a regular stop were required to pass along part of the street under construction. Plaintiff, while so passing in the night-time, tripped over a water pipe which had been left across a sidewalk. Sustaining judgment in plaintiff's favor the Court said:

"Defendants' . . . sole duty, they maintain, was to exercise reasonable care to place such warnings or barriers in the vicinity of the street on which they were working as would warn the public that the street was closed to traffic. . . .

In fact, it was open as to passengers alighting from trolley cars. Likewise the claim that the plaintiff who went upon a highway closed for traffic and undergoing repair did so at her own risk is predicated upon the fact that Campbell Avenue was a closed street, which was not the fact. The [trial] court's instruction that the defendants owed to the plaintiff 'the duty of using reasonable care in the performance of the work that they were carrying on, so as not to create and maintain an obstruction upon the sidewalk that was a source of danger, or likely to prove a menace, or cause an injury to persons who are lawfully using such highway, and who are in the exercise of due care,' was correct under the circumstances of this case."

Validity of Claim Against Contractor for Breach of Contract

An owner suing for damages for failure of a contractor to construct work according to contract must specify the particulars in which the contract has been broken, held the Texas Supreme Court in the case of *Boettler vs. Tendick*, 5 Lawyers' Reports Annotated, 270. In this case, plaintiff sued on a building contractor's bond and recovered judgment in a lower court, but the judgment was reversed because the trial judge erred in refusing to require plaintiff owner to specify in what particulars the contract had been broken. The Supreme Court said:

"The petition did not allege wherein appellant had failed to do the work in a workmanlike manner, as required by the contract, nor did it allege wherein appellant had failed to use such material as was called for by the contract, but did allege that it was discovered, after the building was received, 'that said foundation was not built and constructed in a thorough and workmanlike manner, nor was the material used therein in accordance with the specifications in said contract'; and 'that during the progress of repairs other defects were discovered in the said building caused by bad workmanship and faulty material used by defendant in the construction of said house, and the front walls and other portions thereof are permanently damaged.' . . .

"It was the right of the defendant to be informed wherein the workmanship was faulty, or the material furnished by him not such as his contract required; and when, by specific exception, he pointed out the want of more specific averment and sought further information as to the many facts on which the plaintiff relied for a recovery, he should not have been forced to go to trial until this information was given."

Contractor's Responsibility for Results of Inclement Weather

As to the right of a contractor to be freed from responsibility for defects in a building, due to weather conditions, the Iowa Supreme Court said in the case of *Brent vs. Head, Westervelt & Company*, 115 Northwestern Reporter, 1106:

"If it were to be conceded that the season had something to do with the faulty construction of the foundation, the plaintiff undertook to erect the buildings at that particular season, and to do a first-class job. There was no provision in the contract whereby he was relieved from protecting his work or material from the effects of freezing weather, and he cannot now claim that he should be released from liability because thereof. The evidence conclusively shows that buildings may be erected at any season of the year if proper steps be taken to protect the material and construction work; and that such is the case is matter of almost common knowledge."

Waiver of Defaults Under Construction Contracts

"If the builder has done a large and valuable part of the work [under a contract], but has failed to complete the whole or any specific part of the building or structure within the time limited by his covenant, the other party has the option, when the time arrives, of abandoning the contract for such failure, or of permitting the party in default to go on," declared the highest court of the land in the case of *Phillips & Colby Construction Company vs. Seymour*, 91 United States Reports, 646. "If he abandons the contract, and notifies the other party, the failing contractor cannot sue on the covenant [contract] and recover, because he cannot make or prove the necessary allegation of performance on his own part. What remedy he may have" by way of claim for the reasonable value of work and materials furnished "we need not inquire here; but if the other party says to him, 'I prefer you should finish your work,' or should impliedly say so by standing by and permitting it to be done, then he so far waives absolute performance as to consent to be liable on his covenant for the contract price of the work when completed.

"For the injury done to him by the broken covenant of the other side, he may recover in a suit on the contract to perform within time; or, if he wait to be sued, he may recoup the damages thus sustained in reduction of the sum due by contract price for the completed work."

Withholding Monthly Payments as Excuse for Contractor's Delay

"Where a building contract, in which there is a damage clause for non-performance by a certain time, provides for payment by the owner of monthly estimates, any delays caused by the wrongful withholding of the same are excusable," declared the Georgia Supreme Court in the case of *Chamberlain vs. Booth & McLeroy*, 70 South-eastern Reporter, 1223. But the same opinion holds that a contractor is not released from liability for delay in completing his contract unless the delay is caused by the owner's delay in making payments. And yet the opinion recognizes that the owner's delay in paying an installment due under the contract will give the contractor ground for rescinding his agreement and refusing to proceed with the work.

Proving Negligence on Part of Contractor

There is rule of law to the effect that where an accident occurs under such circumstances that it could not be expected to have occurred excepting through carelessness, negligence will be presumed without proof as to the specific cause of the accident. This rule, known under the maxim *Res ipsa loquitur* (the thing speaks for itself) constitutes an exception to the general rule that one suing for damages for an accident must prove in just what way defendant was at fault.

But in the case of *Wolf vs. Downey*, 164 New York Reports, 30, the New York Court of Appeals decided that where plaintiff was injured, through fall of a brick from a building in course of construction by defendants and other contractors, the mere occurrence of the accident did

not establish negligence on defendants' part. The Court said:

"We agree with the court below that this is a case where the maxim, *Res ipsa loquitur*, applies. There is a presumption that the plaintiff's injury was the result of negligence. . . . But that presumption did not complete the proof which it was incumbent upon the plaintiff to make before the case could be submitted to the jury. In a case like this, where the building in process of construction is in charge of numerous contractors and their workmen, each independent of the other, and none of them subject to the control or direction of the other, some proof must be given to enable the jury to point out or identify the author of the wrong. There is no principle that I am aware of that would make all of the contractors or all the workmen engaged in erecting this building liable *in solido*. And yet there is just as much reason for that as there is for holding two of these contractors for no other reason than that one of them had charge of the carpenter work and the other of the mason work. The plaintiff, we must assume, suffered injury from the negligence of someone; but I am not aware of any ground, in reason or law, for imputing the wrong to the two contractors who are defendants, or for selecting them from all the others as responsible to the plaintiff, unless they can conclusively show that they are not. When there is no proof where the brick came from, except that it came from the building, and nothing to identify the person who set it in motion, it cannot be said that the plaintiff has made out a case for the jury."

Variations in Dimensions in Performing Contracts

One of the leading court decisions on the effect of a contractor's deviation from contract requirements specifying dimensions is that handed down by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Swain vs. Seamens*, 76 United States Reports, 254. What the Court said concerning the dimensions of a sawmill may be applied to almost any sort of structure:

"It is not possible to decide as a conclusion of law that a sawmill 78 feet in width by 100 feet in length is a substantial compliance with an agreement which required that the sawmill to be constructed should be of the dimensions described in that instrument, even though it be shown that it cost more and was of greater value and better adapted to the purposes to be accomplished; as the appellant, having stipulated that the sawmill to be built should be 50 feet in width by 150 feet in length, had a right to stand upon the contract and to insist that it be fulfilled according to its terms.

"Substantial performance, it is true, is all that is required to satisfy such agreement, and it may also be conceded that in the adjudication of controversies growing out of building contracts, slight differences in the dimensions between the building constructed and the terms of the contract may, under many circumstances, be overcome by a reasonable application of that rule, but the differences in the case before the Court are far too great to fall within that principle, as the effect would be to make a new contract and substitute it in the place of the stipulation executed by the parties."

very wet and soft, so that it would have been impracticable to use steam shovels had it not been immediately drained, first by a system of surface ditches, pumped out by two Domestic gasoline-driven portable pumps and afterwards, as the depth of excavation increased, drained by trenches converging directly and by means of a wooden flume carried through a tunnel under Avenue D, to a special deep sump. The sump was excavated to a depth of several feet below subgrade and enclosed with open sheeting and broken stone outside so as to thoroughly drain the adjacent area and intercept much of the direct flow of ground water from the river. In it were installed two electrically driven 6-inch centrifugal Kingsford pumps, one of which usually sufficed, working part capacity, while the other was held in reserve.

The general excavation was handled at the rate of about 420 yards in one 8-hour shift by two steam shovels working in two successive lifts and delivering to a fleet of five to ten power dumping Mack trucks handled so rapidly and systematically that little or no waiting was involved. After completing the excavation, the shovels were equipped with 40-foot derrick booms and were used as locomotive cranes. Stones too large to be handled by the shovels were blasted after block drilling done with air from a Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company's portable gasoline-driven com-

able to clear many obstructions and to work around other construction operations, driving as many as 1,100 of the closely spaced piles from one position of the traveler and moving to another position 100 feet farther away to repeat the operation. The traveler booms were also very convenient for handling piles and pile butts, and the use of the travelers eliminated the services of four of the men that would otherwise have been required to operate an equivalent number of ordinary land pile drivers.

Besides these travelers, there were installed two ordinary land pile drivers moving on rollers and skids and equipped with No. 2 Warrington-Vulcan steam hammers with 3,000-pound rams and 3-foot strokes that drove up to 67 piles each in one 8-hour shift. There were also installed two No. 7 and two No. 9-B McKiernan-Terry double-acting steam hammers that were used for general purposes and especially for driving about 40,000 square feet of 35-pound steel sheet piles for the tunnel trenches and vertical faces of the excavation. The sheet piles were up to 40 feet in length and were driven at a rate of about 70 units per day by the steam hammers, operated by derrick booms and locomotive travelers. All the steam hammers were handled by Lidgerwood hoisting engines, with which other derricks were also equipped, making a total installation of twelve



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pressor having a capacity of 150 cubic feet of free air per minute and operating two jack-hammer drills.

Excavations below subgrade for the two condensation water tunnels was made by three Hayward clam-shell buckets, operated between the braces of the sheeted sides of the tunnel trenches and handled by derrick booms and by 50-foot steel booms installed in place of dipper booms on the steam shovels. This excavation, amounting to about 20,000 yards, was made simultaneously with the general excavation and with the pile driving adjacent to it.

In order to secure the greatest rapidity and economy in pile driving, there were installed two 28 x 38-foot wooden travelers moving from end to end of the lot on broad-gage tracks. Each traveler was equipped with two derrick booms at opposite corners. From each boom there were suspended leads, in which were operated four 9-B McKiernan-Terry double-acting steam hammers, striking 140 16-inch blows per minute with an energy of 7,727 foot-pounds per blow, and driving as many as 77 piles to a penetration of 20 or 30 feet in one 8-hour shift.

These travelers, with their long booms, were

2- and 3-drum engines, some of them with swinging engines of the same type and having steam boilers that supplied the steam hammers as well.

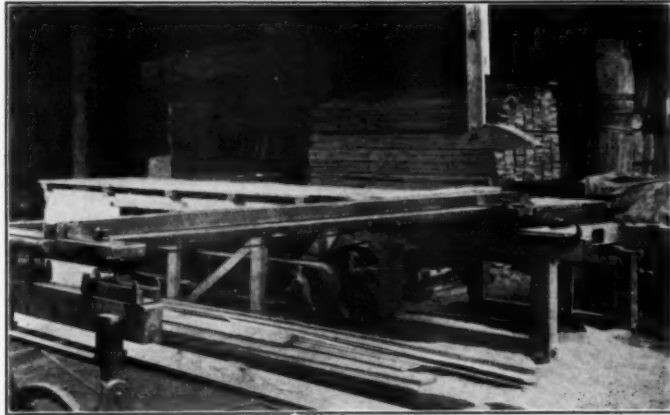
The foundation piles were delivered by water, stored on catamarans and hauled to the site by motor trucks that deposited them close to the drivers. When the work was congested, they were placed in temporary storage. Piles were designed for 20-ton loading, and their capacity was carefully checked by the *Engineering News* formula, modified to allow for varying steam pressures in the double-acting hammers, and worked out in tables showing at a glance the value for piles where the penetration for the last ten blows varied between 3 and 6 inches.

About 800 tons of 14-inch Lackawanna steel sheet piles, 55 to 65 feet long, will be used by the Phoenix Construction Company for the cofferdams in which the bulkhead wall and screen chamber will be built. These will resist pressure heads up to more than 40 feet, and will probably be reclaimed substantially uninjured, giving them a high salvage value when the job is finished.

Material Handling

Before construction operations were commenced,

**DOUBLE SAW FOR RIP
AND CROSS-CUT WORK
ON FORM LUMBER AND
TIMBERING**

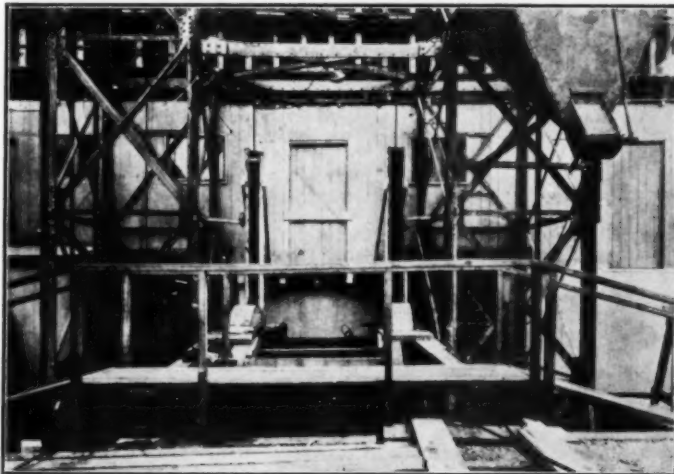


comprehensive studies were made of the various systems for the most rapid, efficient and economical handling of materials and the placing of the very large amount of concrete that was distributed over an area more than 200 feet wide and 600 feet long on both sides of Avenue D, between 14th and 15th Streets. Various plans were made and comparative estimates were studied, and a combination of the best features in eight separate layouts was finally adopted, which provided for a system of movable unloading derricks, very large live storage of cement and aggregate, extensive conveyor systems to deliver cement and aggregate to the concrete mixer, and a system of aerial distribution for transporting the concrete from the mixer plant across the street and to all parts of the building area. This involved the expenditure of more than \$60,000 for an installation that, although temporary, will be in service for many months, perhaps for several years, and, being composed of standard equipment, will have a high salvage value. The selection and arrangement of the equipment was determined by the general contractor's staff in conference with the R. E. Brooks Company and the Ginsberg-Penn Company, equip-

ment specialists through whom some of the \$60,000 plant was purchased. All important details of construction and installation were selected or designed in advance by the contractor's engineer and his staff.

The 1:2:4 concrete is made with 1,200,000 bags of Atlas portland cement and 200,000 yards of mixed aggregate consisting of two parts sand and four parts gravel up to 1½ inches, dredged on the north shore of Long Island, guaranteed free from loam, and furnished by the Kittanning Sales Company, New York. Aggregate is delivered on barges, unloaded by three Blaw-Knox clam-shell buckets, operated by four derrick booms mounted on two steel gantry travelers running over a hopper bottom storage bin, 36 feet wide, 17 feet high and 220 feet long, that is provided with bottom gates, delivering to a belt conveyor in a tunnel. The conveyor discharges into the boot of a bucket elevator that delivers to the elevated mixer bin, where a short distributing belt conveyor enables the operator to fill either of the three sections it contains at will.

Cement bags are unloaded from barges to a system of slat conveyors, and are delivered for



**LOWER PART OF 240-
FOOT TWIN HOISTING
TOWER**

The buckets are independently hoisted and lowered and are filled through automatically revolving chutes

storage in a shed of 25,000 bags capacity, or taken by it either from storage, or directly from the barge to the terminal platform. The bags are emptied and their contents chuted into the charging hoppers, while the empty bags are sent to the shaking machine, where about 1 per cent of the total amount of cement is reclaimed. The gates, conveyors and elevators in the system are of the Haiss standard type, operated by 6 interchangeable electric motors of 5, 10 and 15 horse-power.

Aggregate is delivered to the two mixer-charging hoppers through two Butler batchers, instantly operated by levers controlled by the attendant, who thus measures and delivers the aggregate with great rapidity and precision. Both storage and mixer bins are furnished with perforated steam pipes to prevent freezing. Concrete is mixed in two 1-yard Koehring machines, installed in the lower part of the tower that supports the mixer bin. They are driven 15 r.p.m. by 20-horse-power electric motors and by power-operated discharge through automatically clearing tip chutes into 1-yard buckets in a twin steel hoisting tower 240 feet high.

The buckets can discharge through a low-level hopper into motor trucks on the surface of the ground, but are generally hoisted in about 20 seconds to the top of the tower, where they discharge into hoppers, connected by swinging chutes with either or both of two 300-foot lines of inclined chutes suspended from aerial cables. These chutes discharge into circular hoppers on the masts of the 115-foot American Hoist and Derrick Company's steel derricks that rest on 20-foot wooden towers and are secured by eight lines of guy cables.

From each circular hopper the concrete is delivered to a 100-foot line of steel chutes, supported on the inclined top chords of two counterweighted trusses, carried by the mast and by its 100-foot

steel booms. The end of the lower chute is supported on a light, movable steel tripod, and is supplemented by a short, hand-operated chute that enables the concrete to be placed at any required point in the footings. The hoisting towers, chutes and hoppers and trusses are of the Insley type.

The trusses are specially reinforced against the possibility of transverse impact, and the chutes are enclosed by tall, vertical angle-iron yokes, the sides of which carry panels of wire netting that prevent any spilling of the contents of the trough to the ground below. The yokes also carry hand lines for the safety of the men that travel back and forth over the chutes when required. Both mixers, running at capacity, together discharge a continuous stream of concrete about 7 inches in diameter that requires very rapid operation for placing it and makes possible the placing of 700 to 800 cubic yards in one 8-hour shift in the massive footing slab. The anchorages for the aerial cables are made with specially constructed ballast boxes containing 2,200 cubic feet of broken stone and set in pits 3 or 4 feet deep.

All of the excavation and pile driving has been completed and about 20,000 yards of concrete has been placed in the footings. The maximum force employed by the general contractor and subcontractors has been about 400 men.

The outstanding features of the work have been the very thorough preliminary study and analysis, the installing of abundant standard equipment for construction operations, the liberal use of steam and electric power, the provision for different operations to be carried on simultaneously without conflict or interruption, the insurance of surplus of vital supplies sufficient to cover ordinary delays and irregularities, the development of a perfected organization and efficient personnel, and the systematic classification and simplified records of costs.

The Effect of Hydrated Lime and Other Powdered Admixtures in Concrete

A SECOND edition of the valuable Bulletin 8, "Effect of Hydrated Lime and Other Powdered Admixtures in Concrete," by Duff A. Abrams, of the Structural Materials Research Laboratory, Lewis Institute, Chicago, is off the press. The paper was originally published in the Proceedings of the American Society for Testing Materials in 1920. The tables and diagrams have been revised to include two- and five-year tests.

This investigation was confined to powdered admixtures which are essentially inert in the presence of water and portland cement, as contrasted with liquids or soluble materials. Most of the tests were made with hydrated lime, but 17 other powders were also used. The effect was studied of admixtures up to 50 per cent of the volume of cement on the compressive and tensile strength, wear, bond, and workability of concrete made with sand and pebbles and crushed limestone aggregate of different sizes and gradings, in mixes ranging from 1:2 to 1:9, and a wide range in consistencies. Seven different investigations were made, including more than 20,000 tests at ages of 3 days to 5 years.

The principal conclusions are:

In general, the strength of concrete was reduced approximately in proportion to the quantity of admixture. Some exceptions are noted below.

In usual concrete mixtures, each 1 per cent of hydrated lime (in terms of *volume* of cement) reduced the compressive strength 0.5 per cent; in terms of the *weight* of cement the reduction was 1.2 per cent. The reduction in strength caused by replacing cement with an equal volume of hydrated lime was about $1\frac{3}{4}$ times that caused by adding lime. High calcium and high magnesian limes produced the same effect.

The addition of 1 per cent of the following powdered admixtures in terms of the *volume* of cement reduced the strength of 1:4 concrete at 28 days by the following percentages: clay brick, 0.08; clay, 0.22; whiting, 0.24; sand, 0.37; natural cement, 0.38; limestone, 0.39; lava, 0.40; fluorspar, 0.43; kaolin, 0.47; kieselguhr (celite), 0.48; tufa, 0.51; hydrated lime, 0.56; ironite, 0.60; yellow ochre, 0.68; mica, 1.10; pitch, 1.50; gypsum, 4.00. For the same conditions the addition of 1 per cent portland cement increased the strength of concrete about 1 per cent; granulated slag showed an increase of 0.12 per cent.

Rich concrete mixes showed a greater loss in strength due to powdered admixtures than the leaner ones. In lean mixes (1:9 to 1:6) and those in which aggregates were graded too coarse for the quantity of cement used, the strength was little affected or was slightly increased by admix-

tures up to 50 per cent. The wetter mixes showed a greater loss in strength than the dry, due to the hydrated lime. The effect of admixtures was in general independent of the age of the concrete.

Hydrated lime and other powdered admixtures slightly increased the workability of the leaner mixes (1:9 and 1:6) as measured by the slump and flow tests. Ordinary mixes (1:5 and 1:4) were little affected; richer mixes (1:3 and 1:2) were made less workable. Lime and portland cement (up to 33 per cent) produced essentially the

same effect on the "flow" of concrete.

The wear of concrete was not sensibly increased by hydrated lime or other powdered admixtures up to 20 per cent of the volume of cement.

The bond resistance was affected in the same manner as the compressive strength by the addition of hydrated lime.

For usual concrete mixtures a reduction in strength of about 10 per cent was produced by the use of hydrated lime in the percentages recommended by advocates of this practice of increasing the workability of concrete.

A Spectacular Building Accident

Failure of Guy-Wire Causes Accident with Few Casualties

THAT only six workmen were injured is truly remarkable when one considers the circumstances of the accident that occurred the middle of June on the 1 Park Avenue Building, at Fourth Avenue and 32nd Street, New York City. A guy-wire on a wooden derrick at the southwest corner of the building gave way, permitting the unstepping of the derrick boom. This occurred just as eight steel beams, each weighing about a ton, had been raised to the fourteenth floor. The unseating of the boom caused two of the beams, each 18 feet long, to shoot outward from the tenth story, where they struck a girder and fell, one inside the sidewalk line and one in the street. The remaining girders and the boom crashed down through the temporary wooden flooring and through four concrete floors to the basement, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

Many heavy boards and much loose material were carried down by the beams and the boom, causing a great cloud of dust and a terrifying roar which could be seen and heard for many blocks. Only six workmen were injured and none killed. In accordance with the usual custom, the uninjured workmen quit work for the rest of the day.

The Hay Foundry & Iron Works are the subcontractors for the steel framework, G. Richard Davis & Company being the general contractors.



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BOOM OF DERRICK WHICH CRASHED THROUGH FOUR FLOORS OF CONCRETE AND IMBEDDED ITSELF SEVERAL FEET IN THE EARTH IN THE BASEMENT

SPECIAL FEATURES IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE

The \$50,000,000 building job of the Western Electric Company, at Kearny, N. J., heads the features in the September issue of *CONTRACTORS' & ENGINEERS' MONTHLY*. Other notable contributions are "Notes on the Construction of a Concrete Stadium," by Professor W. K. Hatt; a pictorial story of sewer construction in St. Louis; the construction of the 1½-billion-gallon reservoir at Tulsa, Okla.; and a highly instructive and entertaining article, "Service on Contractors' Equipment."

The Construction and Maintenance of Cement-Concrete Pavements

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THE methods involved in the construction and maintenance of cement-concrete pavements are primarily a contractor's problem. His success financially depends upon the time spent in analyzing every item of the proposed work, and upon the skill by which he assembles the units of his organization into a smooth-working whole. Such problems as the source of materials, transportation, plant layout, water-supply, gradients, soils, handling of materials, local labor supply and wages, time limit of contract, equipment, capital investment, etc., must be carefully considered to insure success. He estimates the cost of building a proposed highway after having carefully considered each item and adds a reasonable profit for doing the work. Contractors who bid on highway work and use for a basis of their bids what other road work sold for, are in a measure guessing instead of analyzing all the features connected with the new work. He, however, should build in such a manner that a demand for his services is created. His reputation for skill, reliability, and integrity will not be judged entirely by how much profit he received from his work, but by how well the work was performed.

Contracting is perhaps more highly competitive than the manufacturing business, and the manufacturer of road-building equipment must remember that the ultimate test of his equipment is its final cost. That the manufacturers are keeping pace with progress in road building was evidenced at a recent machinery exhibition. Refinements of construction to insure long life, dependability, and economical operation were apparent. Heavy-duty units with enclosed bearings, force-feed oiling systems, and ease of inspection and repair of vital parts, were very noticeable. Tractor equipment with increased horse-power for heavy-duty machines in order to make this class of equipment more mobile for highway purposes, as well as lighter equipment designed for tractor operation, and a preponderance of gasoline-driven machinery over steam were very evident, showing a tendency to supplant methods in use heretofore. Improved

machinery has a large part to play in successful road-building operations.

To say that one particular method is more successful than another in the construction of cement-concrete pavement, is rather a broad assertion. Each concrete road job is an individual problem by itself and should be so analyzed. Methods that work to good advantage on one job may be entirely inadequate on another. It is not the purpose of this paper to divulge any so-called "best methods" in the construction of cement-concrete roads, but to canvass to some extent the various methods in use.

Subgrade

The building of a proper subgrade for hard-surface pavements requires considerable care in the manipulation of the earthwork. In general, the earth grade is first brought to a flat section with ditches roughed out and the width of grade possibly 6 inches wider than the finished section. The flat subgrade is then channeled to the required depth and the fine grading completed. If the plans call for a layer of granular or porous material to be placed on the subgrade where a clay soil exists, then the provisions must be made in the grading to allow for the addition of this material so as to conform to the subgrade elevation. Some contractors seem to grade only for the

pavement section, and finish the shoulders and ditches after the pavement is completed. This latter method requires considerable end movements of earth and does not permit of the proper balancing of earthwork at the time of grading.

Slips and fresnoes are still useful equipment for short hauls up to approximately 300 feet. Hauls up to 700 feet are usually best accomplished by use of wheeled scrapers, and longer hauls by wagons or trucks, loaded by means of an elevating grader pulled by a tractor, or loaded by steam shovels. The steam shovel is in more common use in Michigan, and with trucks or teams and wagons overlaps the wheeler hauls, especially when large quantities of earthwork are involved. Gasoline tractors are used for hauling straight-

Development of Cement-Concrete Pavement Construction

There has been considerable development in the past few years in the methods of constructing and maintaining cement-concrete pavements. This has been due to a process of evolution in several directions: First, there is an ever increasing demand for this type of road surface, as manifested by the mileage built each year. Second, the cost of construction and maintenance of highways is a problem in which the public are vitally interested. Third, a decided improvement in the design and construction of road-building equipment. Fourth, the design of cement-concrete pavements has been undergoing changes in an attempt not only to build a more balanced structure but also to provide more economy in its construction. Fifth, specifications have become more rigid in some respects, and the results show a decided improvement. As improved methods are obtained in the handling of materials, good pavements can be built cheaper, and more mileage is the result.

**A TYPICAL SCENE ON
A ROAD JOB OF A
WELL-EQUIPPED CON-
TRACTOR**

A Burton gasoline locomotive is shown hauling a train of Lakewood batch-boxes supplying the Koehring paver. A Lakewood finisher is shown in the foreground with the subgrader and motor road roller, and extra forms in the background.



blade graders, scarifying, rooting, plowing, and for the loading and hauling of four-wheeled scrapers, and otherwise displace teams for this work to some extent.

Special care should be taken to prepare the subgrade in such a manner as to provide as uniform a support for the pavement as possible. All springy spots should be properly drained and refilled with dry material. The hard surfaces of old roads should be plowed to a depth of 6 inches and then compacted.

Machinery has, to a large extent, supplanted the pick and shovel gangs in fine grading. Although there is still need for hand labor for final cleaning up, the heavy part of the work can be accomplished by machinery. Gasoline tractors of the crawler type attached to a heavy blade grader and scarifier will remove the bulk of the earth in the channel. After the forms are set, a subgrade machine riding on the forms will cut the exact crown of the road-bed. A gasoline roller pulls the subgrade machine and compacts the subgrade at the same time. The subgrade is finally checked by a template. Nails, driven in the bottom edge of the template to the crown of the subgrade, as the template moves along the side forms indicate by scratches the high spots.

Construction

Forms.—The use of wooden side forms was permitted a few years ago, but since smoother pavements and better alignments are required, this type of form has been eliminated. The use of subgraders and heavy finishing machines has required more rigid forms with proper foundation support. In some soils it may become necessary to increase the bearing support of the forms by the addition of short pieces of lumber. Heavy equipment may cause the forms to sink and thereby reduce the thickness of the pavement appreciably as well as producing a wavy surface. Too much care cannot be taken in this regard if smooth pavements are to be obtained. A rough surface, often blamed on uneven aggregate and improper mixing, may be traceable to a lack of proper forms and the alignment and bearing for them. The new pavement section with thickened edge

has required the use of side forms 9 inches deep.

Proportioning of Materials.—The supply of raw material, sand, gravel or crushed stone, and cement, is usually brought by rail from some distant point. The problem of unloading cars and proportioning materials is interwoven with the mixing operations. The latter consist of several methods: first, a central proportioning plant; second, a central mixing plant or a modification of it; and, third, the wheelbarrow method. The wheelbarrow method of proportioning aggregates was used almost entirely a few years ago. The measuring of materials was done by gaging the load on the wheelbarrows and then dumping into the skip of the mixer. The number of loads of each aggregate were counted to get the correct amount in each batch. Later, batch-boxes were used on belt conveyors, which carried the material to the mixer. This method has been largely discontinued because of the increased cost of labor and loss of material on the subgrade, as well as because of objections to dirty aggregate, which was occasionally delivered to the mixer. Proportioning of material at a central plant is a later development. Coarse and fine aggregate are unloaded from the cars by means of a clam with $\frac{3}{4}$ - to 1-yard buckets and loaded into elevated bins. These bins are provided with measuring boxes so that proper proportions can be delivered to the hauling equipment. Where drop-bottom railroad cars are obtained, a bucket elevator is sometimes used to good advantage. Occasionally, contractors devise other means of unloading cars and loading trucks or batch-boxes. "Set-ups" have been observed where material from drop-bottom cars was unloaded into bins built under railroad trestles. Tunnels are frequently used which provide easy access for trucks or industrial cars under stock piles. Measuring boxes are provided in each case. Cement is shipped in sacks and requires separate storage at a convenient point where it can be readily placed on the trucks or in batch-boxes. Bulk cement might be handled to a greater advantage with a central mixing plant or proportioned by weight and deposited in separate compartments of batch-boxes. It has been discovered that the volume of sand is affected by the moisture content, and in

some cases compensation is made on account of this by altering the capacity of the measuring box. A central mixing plant simply consists of a rearrangement of the proportioning plant so as to discharge into a mixer, the wet batch being hauled onto the road. Modifications of this layout according to the contractors' idea of arrangement have been made. Stock piles have been placed at various intervals along the highway, and the mixer moved from stock pile to stock pile with the wet batches, then hauled to the road.

Transportation of Materials.—There are in general two methods of hauling materials to the mixer located on the subgrade: first, hauls made by a truck over the subgrade; second, hauls made by industrial equipment, or a combination of both methods. The adaptability of the foregoing methods seems to vary with the whim of the contractor where either method might apply. Industrial haulage by means of gasoline locomotives, cars, and light narrow-gage track is confined to minimum grades, and the amount of material that can be hauled by each train is limited by the maximum grade over which it is hauled. Batch-boxes, two in number for each car, are loaded at the proportioning plant and hauled to the mixer, and have either bottom or side dumps or are tilted when unloaded. The tracks are usually placed on the shoulder of the road with convenient switches, and at least one switch is placed near the mixer so as to delay mixing operations as little as possible. If the mixer works away from the source of supply, advantage may be taken of the finished portion of the pavement by placing the track on the pavement.

Trucks hauling materials to the mixer are in quite common use. These vary from the heavy 5-ton truck to the light truck with pneumatic tires. Heavy trucks are used more frequently in hauling material to a central stock pile rather than to a mixer, because of damage to the subgrade, which may require additional fine grading. In general, trucks can be used on steeper grades than industrial equipment and, where soil conditions permit, are more mobile and can take advantage of side roads where it would not pay to be continually changing industrial tracks. Frequently, heavy trucks are used to haul materials from a proportioning plant over a road where railroad crossings, grades, or other conditions prohibit industrial tracks, and in this case, where combined with industrial equipment, flat-decked trucks are used to carry batch-boxes, which are in turn transferred from the truck to industrial cars by means of a derrick or other apparatus. Turntables are provided for turning trucks around on the grade and inside the forms. Planks are occasionally used near the mixer to protect the subgrade, and they require moving as the work progresses.

Mixer Operations.—Mixers are now being operated by gasoline engines quite universally, because of the availability of gasoline supply and the reliability of motors. The size of mixers varies somewhat, although the general type is of 21 cubic feet capacity of wet mix. The mixers are usually equipped with timing devices so that the required number of turns is obtained automatically. Crane devices operated by mixer engines are used to lift batch-boxes from industrial cars and to dump them into the skip. The crawler type of traction for mixers is coming more into use because of the greater ease of portability.

Boom and buckets have replaced the spout delivery of mixed concrete. Reinforcing wire mesh or bars are held in position while placing concrete by means of steel forms or bar chairs. The use of longitudinal center joints has required the use of installing devices, which, in addition to pins, hold the joint vertically in place. Care must be used in depositing concrete, to load the center joint equally on both sides.

The method of installing transverse expansion joints varies somewhat in different localities. The use of a plank cut to crown of subgrade against which the joint material is placed, requires the refilling of space after the plank is withdrawn and results in getting the joint material out of line either vertically or transversely across the pavement. A better installing device consists of a steel plate with V notches cut in the bottom so that the fresh concrete supports the joint on either side and when the form is withdrawn does not alter the position of joint filler and requires a minimum of additional concrete.

Finishing of Concrete.—There are several types of finishing machines on the market which make it possible to finish concrete of a stiffer mix than was possible before. The machines are propelled by gasoline power and ride on the steel side forms. The automatic striking of concrete to the required crown, the tamping of concrete, and the belting of the surface for final finish, are possible in one operation, although several trips of the finishing machine are generally required to produce a good surface. Hand belting methods have not been entirely discarded, as a good many localities use this method in addition to the finishing machine operations. Hand floats for finishing joints as well as other concrete surfaces are in use also. There is on the market a hand belting machine which is propelled by one man and gives the final belting of the concrete. This machine rides on the forms, similar to the finishing machine. Longitudinal strikes or floats are used in some states to help in eliminating waves on the surface, and are operated by hand from portable bridges.

Concrete pavements are now being checked by 10-foot straight edges. Specifications require the surface to be not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from a smooth surface. Hand tools for rounding the edges of the slab to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch radius are required.

Curing.—One of the methods used in curing consists in covering the surface with burlap as soon as the pavement has hardened sufficiently so that the concrete will not be injured, and then keeping it wet until the following day. A machine has been developed that carries the rolled burlap on a circular steel drum and rolls the burlap off the drum and on the pavement, or vice versa. The second day, the road is covered with earth to a depth of at least 2 inches, or with straw to a depth of at least 3 inches, and kept wet for a period of 14 days.

A later development in the curing of concrete is by the use of calcium chloride. This material is manufactured in flakes or granular particles and is shipped in 100-pound sacks or 350-pound drums. It can be either spread on the pavement by hand with shovels and broomed or placed by a special spreader operated by one man. The quantity placed per square yard varies from 2 to 4 pounds. It is usually placed on the concrete from 12 to 24 hours after the pavement is laid. During the season of the year when the temperature of the

atmosphere is low, or around 40 degrees, the application of chloride should be delayed for a time, depending upon the speed of the setting of the concrete, possibly for 36 hours. The calcium chloride method eliminates the labor of covering and uncovering the pavement with earth, and the quantity of water and labor necessary to sprinkle the pavement for a period of 14 days.

Contractors are required to bush-hammer or otherwise remove high spots in the concrete, which exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch when tested with a 10-foot straight edge. There have been several attempts at devising some mechanical means of performing this work. Stone chisels operated by an air-compressor to remove the excess surface and then rubbing down with a brick does not provide anything but a slow, tedious job. An enterprising contractor has designed an ingenious device in which he used a Fordson tractor with an attachment supporting a vertical shaft at the lower end of which is a circular carborundum stone. This stone is caused to rotate by means of a belt from the tractor, and

carelessness in construction. The placing of pavement on newly graded roads, especially where heavy cuts and fills are made and proper settlement of earth has not taken place, has also tended to increase the cost of maintenance. Where the minimum width of pavement has been increased from 16 to 20 feet, there has been a decided reduction in the number of failures due to corner breaks and progressive failure of slabs. The increased width has permitted heavy trucks to travel at a greater distance from the edge of the pavement slab and therefore makes damage less liable. Smoother surfaces have reduced the impact from heavy truck loads and brought about a greater use of pneumatic tire equipment for the intermediate size of trucks. Increased motor vehicle travel near our large industrial centers has required the widening of some of the main arteries; yet there are and will be, for some time to come, many pavements 16 and 18 feet in width, which are carrying an excessive amount of travel and should be widened at this time. These pave-

FINISHING MACHINE
IN ACTION, SHOWING
LABORER REMOVING
EXCESS CONCRETE



the grinder is easily moved around over the surface to be reduced.

Maintenance

Cement-concrete pavements, like other highway surfaces, have not as yet reached such a stage of perfection that maintenance may be entirely eliminated. It is safe to say that a well-designed and well-constructed pavement of this type requires as little maintenance as any other type of road surface. The other types of cement-concrete pavement, which were laid either of a thickness inadequate for present-day traffic or without the advantage of research in the matter of design, require an amount of maintenance in excess of that found necessary in a well-built pavement. Frost action, poor drainage, improperly constructed subgrade, and lack of maintenance at the proper time, are some of the causes of failure in pavement slabs. The inclined position of joint material has caused one slab to climb higher than the adjacent slab because of expansion, in which position impact from heavily-loaded vehicles causes the gradual destruction of the section and discloses the

ments demand considerable maintenance and may fail faster than like pavements in less congested centers. In comparing the cost of maintenance of various types of pavement, the amount and character of the traffic should be considered as well as other conditions surrounding the construction of the pavement.

The maintenance of cement-concrete pavement as different from gravel or other types of road surface, has developed a "gang system" of repair similar to that of section hands on the railroad. These gangs are equipped with light pneumatic-tired trucks for ease in moving from place to place on highways. Their job is to patrol the pavement, giving whatever attention is necessary at the proper time. Aside from the work required to keep weeds cut and shoulders properly repaired, the principal work necessary is to tar all cracks and joints so as to eliminate spalling and protect the subgrade from any undue moisture and the patching of broken places in the slab.

Patching Concrete.—The broken section of the pavement must be removed and the edges of the adjoining slabs squared up so as to permit of a

good bond. A little care in removing the old concrete so that few radial cracks remain is quite essential. If the patch is cut in such a manner as to give a reasonable area for the transmitting of the load to the subgrade as well as eliminating all acute angles where bonded to the old pavement, the patch will remain a part of the pavement. The excavation for the patch should be at least an inch deeper than the original slab. An air-compressor mounted on truck or trailer and of sufficient capacity to operate at least two concrete breakers for reducing the broken edges of the old slab and trimming up the adjoining edges, saves considerable time and labor over the old hand method of using chisels. Where a considerable amount of concrete is to be broken out, some form of drop hammer mounted on a truck may work to better advantage. The old concrete can be broken up and removed in a few hours in sufficient quantity to keep a gang patching all day. Side forms should be placed and securely staked to a depth at least equal to the old pavement. Material—sand, gravel and cement—is deposited by means of trucks on one side of the pavement near the slab. A portable mixer of 7 cubic feet capacity, with roller bearings and rubber tires, usually works to a good advantage in the ordinary patching work. It does not take up very much space on the highway and is easily moved from patch to patch by a small truck.

The aggregate is wheeled to the mixer in wheelbarrows. Water is supplied in barrels or tank wagons filled at some convenient point. A central mixing plant, if convenient to the work, is sometimes used so as not to obstruct traffic, as it is necessary on most concrete roads to patch only one side of the pavement at a time and to leave some distance between patches so as to facilitate the movement of traffic. The patch should be struck off and finished to a smooth surface with the adjoining slab, as consistent with good practice in original construction.

Calcium chloride dissolved in the mixing water is quite desirable in the patching of pavement. Two to four per cent of this material by weight is found to be the correct proportion, the variation in amount depending on the temperature of the atmosphere. Patches which heretofore were kept closed for twenty-one days can be opened within a week without damage to the concrete. This represents quite a saving in watchman service, broken lanterns, and barricades. The recent development of aluminated cement in this country may further reduce the cost to traffic in delay and accident hazards where used in patching, as this cement sets within twenty-four hours.

Tarring Cracks and Joints.—A small portable tar kettle of a capacity sufficient to hold at least

two barrels of tar, with hand pouring pots, brooms, and sufficient sand to cover the fresh tar, are some of the requisites of this part of the work. Barrels of tar, as well as small piles of sand, may be distributed along the highway. A good combination for tarring cracks consists of a truck, loaded with sand, which pulls a tar kettle slowly along as the work progresses. One man sweeps out all the dirt from the cracks, while a second man pours the joint, and the third man covers the fresh tar with sand so that it does not pick up with wheel traffic.

A later development in the method of handling tar consists of a stationary tank sufficient to hold 15 to 20 thousand gallons in a central yard where tar may be handled in tank-car lots by means of a pump and steam heat. The tar can be preheated before the gang starts out on the road, so as to avoid delay in commencing operations. A portable tank sufficient to hold the day's requirements may then be carried on the truck or trailer. There is considerable saving in the cost of tar and in time lost in the handling of tar in barrels, by this method. Asphalt may be used with success instead of tar for the pouring of cracks and joints, although the writer has had very little experience with this material. There would be very little difference in the methods of handling them.

Conclusion

It has been shown that the construction and maintenance of cement-concrete pavement has resulted in an increased use of motor traction and power equipment. This has been due in a great measure to the manufacturer, who has made wonderful progress in the designing and construction of machinery to supplant man-power, and to the perfection of that machinery so as to insure long life, dependability, and economical operation. The contractors in turn have perfected organizations the nuclei of which at least are carried on the pay-roll the year around, so that production can be carried out with a minimum of direction.

The necessary skilled labor for work of this character is more plentiful on account of an increasing amount of road work being carried on and new hands learning the trade. The successful contractor takes better care of his equipment, maintains yards and repair shops so that first-class equipment furnishes better work at less cost and delay, and makes workable methods that reduce hand power and team power to a minimum and otherwise guarantee a satisfactory season's performance.

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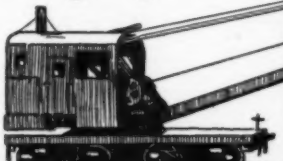
Accidents Decreasing in the Construction Field

THE latest tabulations compiled by members of the National Safety Council in the construction field show that the number of construction accidents is being reduced. The current report, just released, reveals an average severity rate of 4.603, which is much lower than the construction section showed in either 1923 or 1922. This indicates that the construction industry has done some excellent accident prevention work and shows that hazards in the industry can be eliminated, according to W. D. Keefer, Director of the Industrial Safety Division of the National Safety

Council. The latest tabulation is larger than ever before, as the result of the growth and interest in the section.

Two companies, each of them employing an average of over 400 men, finished the year without a lost-time accident. The number of deaths is the same in this year's tabulation as was the case in 1923, when only six general contractors gave their experiences. The number of permanent partial disabilities reported by the 23 members this year is much lower than that reported by the six members last year.

Equipment for Contractors



The catalogs and pamphlets listed below are available for free distribution. Contractors and Engineers who check over these pages each month and write for such material as interests them, will find this a valuable means of keeping up-to-date on the subject of machinery and equipment.

A NEW 20-HORSE-POWER GASOLINE HOIST

The new 20-horse-power Flory gasoline hoist with Fordson motor, which is recommended highly by builders and contractors, is described in literature which may be secured from the S. Flory Mfg. Co., Bangor, Pa.

WELL-BUILT TRACTION WHEELS FOR FORDSONS

There is nothing cheap about the construction of Grid-Iron-Grip wheels built by the Tractor Grip Wheel Co., 2246 Water Works Drive, Toledo, Ohio, and described in this company's literature.

A BOOK ON ROAD FORMS

The Heltzel Steel Form and Iron Co., Warren, Ohio, is distributing a free booklet, "Form Setting and Its Relation to the Ridding Qualities of Concrete Pavements," by C. N. Connor, State Construction Engineer, Raleigh, N. C. This book is free and is a valuable help to any road-building contractor.

AN ACCURATE LEVEL FOR CONTRACTORS

Bulletin E-8 issued by the Warren-Knight Co., 136 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa., describes the Sterling engineer's wye level, which is suited to the requirements of contracting service.

STEEL DUMP BODIES FOR LIGHT TRUCKS

Hughes-Keenan steel dump bodies that are built to withstand the hardest service under all conditions, for Graham, International, Ford, Reo, Federal-Knight, Mason, Chevrolet, and all other light trucks, are described in full in the literature of the Hughes-Keenan Co., Mansfield, Ohio.

THE COST OF UP-KEEP OF DUMP-WAGONS

Catalog W-62 issued by the Western Wheeled Scraper Co., Aurora, Ill., gives some interesting cost figures on the up-keep of Western dump-wagons, showing how they cost less than others in the long run, are easier on your teams, and better able to "stand grief."

A NEW 1/2-YARD FULL-REVOLVING EXCAVATOR

A description of the new P & H 204 1/2-yard full-revolving excavator for gasoline or electric operation may be secured from the Harnischfeger Corp., Milwaukee, Wis. This machine handles a 1/2-yard dragline or clam-shell bucket on a 30-foot boom.

HONESTLY MADE SHOVELS

Ames shovels, spades, and scoops are honor goods. The Oliver Ames & Sons Corp., North Easton, Mass., of the Ames Shovel and Tool Co., Boston, Mass., will be pleased to supply a copy of its complete catalog to any contractor interested.

WIRE ROPE THAT IDENTIFIES ITSELF

Williamsport wire rope, according to its manufacturers, the Williamsport Wire Rope Co., Williamsport, Pa., is the only wire rope made that shows its exact grade so that any one may know and understand what it is. Interesting literature on this protection may be secured by any contractor.

AN EFFICIENT BACK-DUMP BUCKET

The Pioneer back-dump bucket, which is a great money-saver in dragline work, is described in the literature of the Pioneer Bucket Co., successors to the Mansfield Engineering Co., Fletcher Savings & Trust Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

CHUTE UNLOADS CARS QUICKLY

The Dow quick-unloading car chute, which hooks to the side of the gravel or stone car and is filled by hand labor, dumping instantly as soon as the truck is ready to receive the load, is described in a folder issued by the Dow Co., Inc., Louisville, Ky.

A SIDE-DUMP BODY FOR FORDS

The Herr side-dump body, which is quickly dumped by hand and which drops the load wherever desired, keeping the road clear, is described in an illustrated folder which may be secured from the Herr Dump Car Mfg. Co., Coatesville, Pa.

WHAT CONTRACTORS SAY ABOUT THE CENTER DRIVE FOR POWER SHOVELS

The Bulletin 201 tells what contractors think of the new Thew center-drive shovel mounting, based on their actual experience with this machine since last January. This bulletin may be secured without charge from the Thew Shovel Co., Lorain, Ohio.

A LOW-PRICE CRAWLING TRACTOR CRANE

Book 120 issued by Industrial Works, Bay City, Mich., describes the new Industrial crawling tractor cranes, which are said to be outstanding achievements at an astonishingly low price.

AN ECONOMICAL ADJUSTABLE SHORE

The Atlas shore, which weighs only 65 pounds and which is readily adjustable, holds its load without creeping, and is more economical than the use of 2x4 lumber in shoring, is described in full in well-illustrated circulars which may be secured from Charles A. Roos, President, Roos-Meyer-Hecht Co., 2824 Stanton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

FORDSON LOADER WITH FEEDING MECHANISM

The Specialty-Fordson loader made by the Specialty Engineering Co., Allegheny and Trenton Aves., Philadelphia, Pa., is now equipped with a feeding mechanism consisting of a spiral screw which brings the material to the bucket, as well as with a crowding mechanism, both of which are described in full in literature which may be secured free on request.

PNEUMATIC SURFACING EQUIPMENT

The most recent Dallett catalog, No. 10, issued by The Dallett Co., Broad & Federal Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., is a veritable text-book on all types of pneumatic surfacing equipment and should be in the hands of every contractor having concrete surfacing work in prospect.

A PORTABLE WOODWORKER

The Jaeger portable woodworker, which can be mounted in one minute on the front of any Ford car and as quickly removed, is able to handle any kind of sawing on the average building job. It is described in full in a circular of the Detroit Nut Co., Inc., Hubbard Ave. & Michigan Central Ry., Detroit, Mich.

A SMALL PORTABLE ASPHALT PLANT

The Chausse Oil Burner Co., Elkhart, Ind., has placed on the market a small portable asphalt plant for patch work in repairing streets. This plant, described in the company's latest literature, is a complete unit capable of handling a full patching program at moderate cost.

AN EFFECTIVE DITCHER SCOOP

Bulletin No. 36 issued by the Orton & Steinbrenner Co., 608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., describes this company's dependable truck crane and particularly its full-circle swing crane with ditcher scoop, a piece of equipment which has the advantages of the power shovel and the dragline.

A STRONGER DIPPER FRONT

The Clark bridge-type dipper front, which has a double wall supported by connecting rims which form sockets for teeth and in which 3, 4, 5, or 9 teeth can be used, depending on the kind of material to be dug, is described in literature which may be secured from the American Manganese Steel Co., Chicago Heights, Ill.

A NEW AND LARGER ROAD CATALOG

The 1925 General Catalog issued by the Austin-Western Road Machinery Co., 400 N. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill., is larger and even more interesting than this company's former catalog. Of particular importance in this edition are the leasing-wheel graders, motor graders, portable conveyors, and 4-cylinder motor rollers.

A FIVE-BAG OR SIX-BAG CONCRETE MIXER

In an interesting booklet, "5 Bags or 6," the Footo Co., Inc., Nunda, N. Y., clearly outlines the case for the 26-E paver, capable of handling either a 5-bag or a 6-bag batch economically.

FORTY USES FOR A CRAWLER TRACTOR

Forty different uses for the Trackson Pull-Crawler for the Fordson tractor, are described and illustrated in a new 12-page booklet just issued by the Pull-Crawler Company, 500 Clinton St., Milwaukee, Wis. The Trackson is shown in combination with other equipment, such as the Wehr grader, Baker back-filler, Tomahawk snow-plow, etc., in the booklet, which will be sent free on request.

A BUCKET WITH ADVANTAGES OF DRAGLINE AND CLAM-SHELL

The new Dunbar Drag-Clam, which is the result of two decades of practical experience in the field of excavation and dredging, has many interesting features which increase its efficiency over the ordinary dragline bucket on all kinds of work in this field. This bucket is described in full in a folder which may be secured free by any interested contractor, from the Dunbar & Sullivan Dredging Co., 610 Erie County Bank Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

A TRACTOR BUILT FOR ROAD WORK

The Yuba Products Co., 433 California St., San Francisco, Calif., has issued a very interesting bulletin-catalog on the Yuba Roadbolder, a tractor with crawler tread, designed specifically for building roads and moving loads.

CRESOTED PINE PRODUCTS

The illustrated catalog of the Southern Wood Preserving Co., Atlanta, Ga., completely describes the need of wood preservation, wood preserving processes, the Creosote full-cell process, and the Creosote empty-cell process, each of which has its advantages for specific products.

TRUCKS THAT PUT THE JOB THROUGH

High quality and dependability mark every United Constructor which is helping to put across the tremendous new road campaigns in the different states. These trucks are described fully in the literature of the United Motors Products Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

BELT CONVEYORS FOR GRAVEL PLANTS

Catalog No. 102 issued by the Stearns Conveyor Co., Cleveland, Ohio, describes this company's belt conveyors for gravel, as well as its spiral conveyors, car movers and wall winches, all of which are of interest to contractors.

MORE THAN 400,000 IN SERVICE

There are more than 400,000 single, sturdy, powerful Hercules engines in service, running smoothly, and giving dependable and economical service with a minimum fuel consumption. This engine, with its Wico magneto for contracting service, is described in full in the literature of the Hercules Corp., Engine Div., Evansville, Ind.

A HEAVY ROLLER WITH SIDE SCARIFIER

The Buffalo-Springfield maintenance roller, built in sizes of from 12 to 17 tons with an oscillating scarifier on the left roll, making it possible to scarify when going both forward and backward, as well as close to the curb, is described in the literature of the Buffalo-Springfield Roller Co., Springfield, Ohio.

IMPROVED MODELS OF ASPHALT AND TOOL**HEATERS**

Littleford Bros., 485 E. Pearl St., Cincinnati, Ohio, have brought out two new models in their line of road contractors' equipment—the new No. 48 tar and asphalt heater, and the new No. 90 oil-burning tool heater. These and other equipment are described in the new 32-page catalog, which may be secured free on request.

DEVICES FOR FIRING ELECTRIC DETONATORS

The Electric Explosives Service Bulletin, issued by E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., contains a great deal of helpful information, with figures and illustrations of devices for firing electric detonators in blasting operations.

LETTERING GUIDES FOR SLANT SYSTEM AVAILABLE

The Wood-Regan Instrument Co., Inc., 154 Nassau St., New York City, whose Wrico lettering guides have proved such time-savers and so effective in all kinds of engineering endeavor, has brought out guides for a slant lettering system which is described fully in Supplement No. 1 to the Wrico 1925 catalog.

FOUR SMALL TILTING MIXERS

The T. L. Smith Co., Milwaukee, Wis., has just issued a folder completely describing its new line of small tilting mixers in four models which should particularly interest contractors.

AN EXTRA-STRONG DUMP-TRUCK BODY

The Chicago-type excavating body with an unusually strong floor and sides has been developed by the Heil Co., 1243 - 26th Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., for excavating-tractors and is described in full in literature which may be secured free on request.

ONE-PIECE STEEL RIVET FORGES

Circulars describing the complete series of steel hearth forges made by the Buffalo Forge Co., 490 Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y., may be secured free by any contractor interested.

FIVE VALUABLE POWER SHOVEL BULLETINS

The Marion Steam Shovel Co., Marion, Ohio, will be pleased to mail any one or all of its power shovel bulletins to interested contractors: Bulletin No. 305, 34-yard steam shovel; Bulletin No. 309, 34-yard electric and gasoline-electric shovel; Bulletin No. 307, 134-cubic-yard steam shovel; Bulletin No. 310, 134-cubic-yard and 134-cubic-yard electric shovel; Bulletin No. 308, 134-cubic-yard steam shovel.

IMPACT ON PAVEMENTS AND WATERPROOFING

Bulletin No. 306 which may be secured from G. W. Hutchinson, the Celite Products Co., 11 Broadway, New York City, contains a very interesting paper based on a study of impact in its relation to pavement design, and also valuable information on waterproofing concrete.

A NEW LOW-PRESSURE ACETYLENE GENERATOR

A small generator for producing acetylene at low pressure for welding and cutting has recently been developed by the Oxweld Acetylene Co., 30 E. 42nd St., New York City, and is described in its latest literature.

A COMPLETE MIXING, HOISTING AND SPOUTING PLANT

The new concrete mixing, hoisting, and spouting plant developed by the Archer Iron Works, 34th Pl. and Western Ave., Chicago, Ill., is described completely in a folder which may be secured free on request.

CABLEWAYS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

The literature of the Lidgerwood Mfg. Co., 96 Liberty St., New York, describes many interesting installations of Lidgerwood cableways used in the erection of falsework, handling of forms, erection of reinforcing steel and concrete, and, in fact, practically all of the work in connection with bridge, dam, and many other types of construction.

ROTARY SCRAPERS SPEED GRADING

The superior service of the Reynolds rotary scraper, which works fast and is safe, simple, and easy to operate, is described in the catalog of the Killifer Mfg. Co., Box 270, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Calif.

DOUBLE-ACTING PILE HAMMERS

A new Bulletin 35 has just been issued by the McKiernan-Terry Drill Co., 19 Park Row, New York City, describing its complete line of double-acting pile hammers for all pile-driving purposes, as well as submarine pile driving and pile pulling.

HOISTING CHAIN FOR POWER SHOVELS

A very interesting bulletin, S-20, on hoisting chain for power shovels, may be secured gratis from the Bucyrus Co., Specialty Dept., South Milwaukee, Wis.

AN IMPROVED HOIST ATTACHMENT FOR FORDSONS

The Clyde Iron Works Sales Co., Duluth, Minn., will be pleased to furnish information to contractors on the new style Clyde hoist attachment for Fordsons. The hoist frame is fastened to the tractor by eight of the bolts which connect the rear axle housing and the transmission housing and three bolts through holes in the draw-bar cap.

SECTIONAL CAST IRON CULVERT PIPE

Alpical sectional-interlocking cast iron culvert pipe with a smooth bore inside, which conforms to the requirements for load-supporting capacity as specified by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, as well as various state highway departments, is described in full in a folder which may be secured from the Alabama Pipe Co., Culvert Pipe Dept., Anniston, Ala.

QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS FOR CONCRETE

This is the title of Bulletin 9 issued by the Structural Materials Research Laboratory, Lewis Institute, 1951 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., which contains tables of proportions and quantities of cement and fine and coarse aggregate for concrete of 2,000, 2,500, 3,000, 3,500, and 4,000 pounds per square inch at 28 days.

AN ACETYLENE LIGHT FOR NIGHT WORK

The Milburn acetylene light, which is particularly adapted for the use of contractors, is fully described and illustrated in catalog No. 199 issued by the Alexander Milburn Co., 1416-28 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.

TRUCKS WITH CONTINUED VALUE

GMC trucks with two-range transmission built over-size of soft steel with multiple-disc clutch, over-size bearings, and full-pressure engine lubrication, and built to be worth as much a year from now as to-day, are described in the GMC booklet, which may be secured from the General Motors Truck Co., Dept. 49, Pontiac, Mich.

Building the Bee Line Highway in Jefferson County, Alabama

An Outline of J. J. McCarthy's Contract on the Reconstruction and Relocation of a Federal Aid Highway Involving the Handling of 187,600 Cubic Yards of Material

IN Jefferson County, Ala., from Birmingham to Montgomery, there was an arterial highway so steep and crooked that it was finally decided to abandon the old road in many places and construct it in an entirely new location. The section of the proposed road from Cahaba River Bridge to the top of Shade Mountain in Jefferson County, a distance of 7 miles, is known as Federal Aid Project No. 147 of the new Bee Line Highway. The contract for this work was let to J. J. McCarthy and the Newell Construction Company, both of Birmingham, Ala. McCarthy is handling the excavation and grading, and the Newell Construction Company will do the surfacing.

For a distance of about 4,000 feet of this project, the new road follows the old road and then goes off to the left toward Montgomery. On the new highway the maximum grade will in no place be over 6 per cent, and the sharpest curves are not more than 8 degrees. Work was started on this project on September 10, 1924, and it is expected that the grading will be completed before summer.



THE GARDNER AIR-COMPRESSOR WITH FORDSON TRACTOR DRIVE FURNISHING AIR FOR WAUGH CLIPPER DRILLS IN THE SAND ROCK CUT FOR THE LOWER END OF THE JOB

Heavy Excavation

The J. J. McCarthy contract will involve the excavation of about 142,000 cubic yards of earth and 45,600 cubic yards of rock. Work has been



BUILDING A FILL FOR A BRIDGE APPROACH



A TYPICAL SECTION CLEARED OF TIMBER FOR GRADING



**J. J. McCARTHY'S SHOVEL IN A SAND
ROCK CUT**

A Gardner air-compressor is shown to the
right

J. J. McCARTHY'S 20-B IN OPERATION

This Bucyrus shovel is served by seven 1½-
yard Watson wagons on a short haul. Notice
the fill in the background



**J. J. McCARTHY'S 20-B
STARTING OPERATIONS
AT LOWER END OF THE
CONTRACT**

Little Red Wagons are serv-
ing this shovel

**W. T. TAYLOR'S 20-B
LOADING 1½-YARD
EAGLE WAGONS**





THE SHOVEL CREWS

To the left: J. A. Trawick, fireman; and John Roberts, operator of W. T. Taylor's 20-B. The right-hand view reading from left to right: Fred Bradshaw, operator of J. J. McCarthy's Bucyrus; Homer Israel, fireman; Robert, son of Mr. McCarthy; and Homer Milstead, helper

W. T. TAYLOR'S SHOVEL COMING DOWN THE LINE, WIDENING THE CUT



under way for some time at the lower end of the project in a cut of 20,000 cubic yards, most of which is sand rock. This cut is being drilled with Waugh Clipper drills and shot with 20 per cent dynamite. Air for these drills is furnished by a Gardner compressor capable of delivering 90 cubic feet of air per minute, and driven by a Fordson tractor.

Excavation is also under way at the middle of the job, but the cuts are not so deep and it is necessary to shoot the shale.

Three-Quarter-Yard Shovels Handling Excavation

J. J. McCarthy is using his Bucyrus 20-B shovel in the rock cut at the lower end of the job, and the machine in the middle of the job is also a 20-B

Bucyrus, rented from the W. F. Taylor Construction Company of Birmingham, Ala. Both of these are standard 20-B steam shovels equipped with $\frac{3}{4}$ -yard dippers and mounted on crawlers.

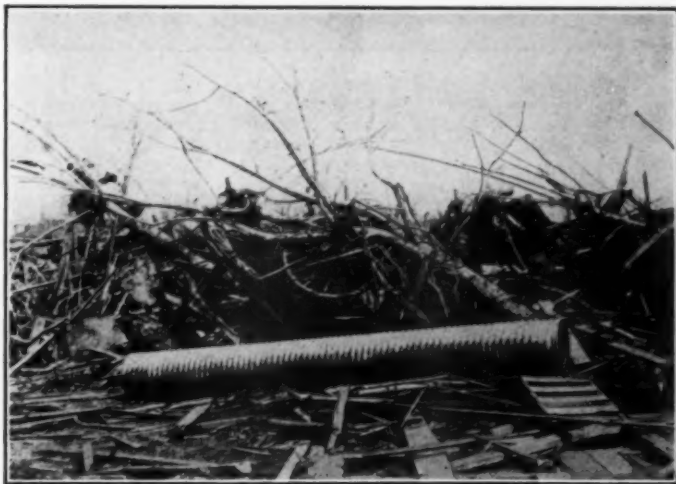
Seven $1\frac{1}{4}$ -yard Watson wagons are serving the McCarthy machine on short hauls, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -yard Eagle wagons are being used with the Taylor shovel. A 20-B team wheeler outfit is also being used on some of the lighter cuts.

On account of the exceptionally dry fall, it was necessary to haul water for both steam shovels, but coal is conveniently handled at near-by sidings. The water was hauled in 500-gallon tank wagons.

We are indebted to *The Excavating Engineer* for the information contained in this article, as well as for the illustrations.

TORNADO GAVE THIS CULVERT A HOLIDAY

The tornado which upset the Central States last March and moved so many trees, houses, tracks, and bridges, gave the Armco culvert shown here a holiday and carried it a long way from home. Contrary to the experience of the other items, it was uninjured by its frolic and was put back to work in the road where it came from



New Grader for Truck Patrol Use

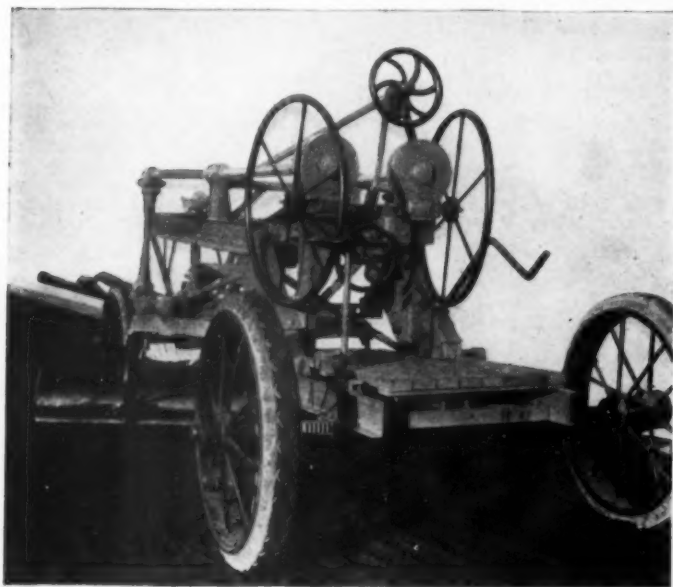
Enclosed Gears and Rubber Tires Feature This Machine

TO meet the growing demand among highway officials and contractors for a stronger-built utility road grader which can be used with a motor truck in road work and then hauled a considerable distance to the next job without loss of time and without undue mechanical wear, the Stockland Road Machinery Company, Minneapolis, Minn., has produced the "Greyhound," a rubber-tired road grader. This machine was designed by L. B. Sherman of the Stockland Company's staff. A number of basic changes from the Special Patrol design of this company have been made. The chief one is in the steering mechanism, which is a combination of the built-in type and the pole device. The hitch has been lowered approximately 4 inches to eliminate pull-down when the hitch on

keep them from jarring loose from the vibration caused by the 18 to 20-mile per hour speed at which the grader may be hauled.

The frame is $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches higher than the regular Special, which permits the blade to cut a 1 to 1 inside ditch slope. The wheel-base has also been increased from 12 feet 5 inches, which is the wheel-base of the Special, to 13 feet 3 inches, which will help in filling depressions and knocking off high spots in the roadway. The steering column has been raised so that the operator can stand on a box or get higher up in order to get a better view of his work and still handle the steering of the machine conveniently.

The lifting arms of the Greyhound grader are increased from $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches to 2 inches and are



THE NEW
STOCKLAND
RUBBER-TIRED
GRADER
UNIT

the power is low, and also to counteract any tendency of the front truck to tip backward. The front tread has been reduced 6 inches to give additional clearance on the pole of the blade and to remove possible strain on the steering device.

The entire front end of the grader is made heavier than standard construction to accommodate scarifier attachments and to hold them to the ground. The guide circles have increased length to give the circle additional support and bearing surface for wear. Another feature is the enclosing of all gears in dust-proof steel cases, which permit running the gears in oil or grease.

Aside from the bearings in the land wheel, all bearings are either of bronze or of babbit and are protected with felt washers to help hold the grease and keep out the dust. Every permanent union is hot-riveted with over-size rivets, and all bolted joints are secured with close-fitting bolts drilled for cotter keys and fitted with castellated nuts to

machined at the three bearing points. A new counter-shift rod is furnished, with tight joints, permitting free movement through any plane, and each joint is fully bushed and protected from dust and grit. The circle is also supported in the rear on swivel joints, and bushings and washers are furnished of the same type. The hand wheels on this machine have been narrowed down to a 29-inch spread, and a worm and gear axle shaft is furnished for the pivotal shift, which gives a shift at this point of 15 inches and is very fast and efficient. The gears on this shift are enclosed in a dust-proof case and are fully bushed.

The wheels are equipped with 40- x 5-inch solid tires at the rear of the machine, and 32- x 4-inch solid tires on the front of the machine. The bearings on the wheels are Hyatt heavy-duty bearings, and the operator's platform is suspended on coil springs to take any vibration of the machine off the operator's platform.

An Improved Power Scraper for Dirt Moving

Three Years' Experience with the Original Machines Has Gone into New Unit.

CONTRACTORS face a great deal of work in the dirt-moving field, including grading roads and streets, excavating, stripping stone quarries, gravel-pits and coal mines, building parks and playgrounds, as well as dams and levees. The new improved power scraper which has been brought out by the Miami Trailer-Scraper Company, Troy, Ohio, has a number of features that are distinctly advantageous for these jobs.

The power winch for the operation of the scraper unit is attached to the housing and rear axle of the Fordson tractor. The main drive-shaft is equipped with three heavy-duty Timken taper roller bearings, and the two rear bearings are constantly lubricated by the oil in the gear case. The front bearing is lubricated by hard



**POWER WINCH ATTACHED TO REAR AXLE
OF FORDSON TRACTOR**

grease by means of large grease-cups. The bronze gear in the winch has been increased to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, which insures 100 per cent overload. The steel worm which drives the gear is hardened and ground. Both the worm and gear are enclosed in a dust-proof case and operated constantly in a bath of oil.

The frame of the original Miami-Fordson one-man power scraper has been increased from 5- to 6-inch channel steel, which makes a more rigid unit.



**NEW EXTRA-STRONG HOOK WHICH
REPLACES USUAL DRAW-BAR**

One of the most important improvements is the cast steel automatic hitch. The ordinary plow hitch is entirely removed from the tractor, and a heavy hook is bolted on in its place. There are no holes to drill nor changes to make, and the same stud bolts are used. The scraper can be entirely disconnected from the Fordson in 30 seconds, leaving the tractor available for plowing or pulling trailers. The winch does not interfere in any way with other work, as it operates only when used in connection with the scraper. The cast steel hitch is also sold separately, as many contractors find it valuable for other classes of work.

The scraper pan of the Miami unit is made of high-carbon steel $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch thick. Each pan is punched so that a special cutting edge can be attached, if desired. This cutting edge can also be attached at the factory at a slight additional cost.

**FORDSON
OPERATOR
RUNNING
MIAMI
SCRAPER**



One man operates both the tractor and the scraper. The dirt is loaded, transported, and dumped without stopping and with the operator's leaving the driver's seat. It is a continuous one-man proposition, one unit replacing from three to five teams, depending on the length of the haul and the class of material to be handled.

The power scraper has been economically used for moving dirt up to 1,500 feet. The large pan is filled to capacity each trip. Because of the unusual construction, the dirt does not spill off while being transported, and the tractor can be operated at a high rate of speed, thereby saving a large amount of time and money.

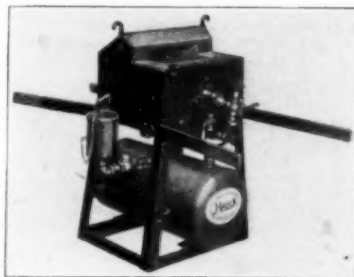
A Fuel-Oil-Burning Rivet Forge

An Outfit Which Gives Speed and Efficiency Where Riveting Is in Progress

A VENTURI fuel-oil-burning rivet forge of the suction type for use where riveting in steel and iron work constitutes a time- and labor-saving operation, has been developed by the Hauck Manufacturing Company, 126-134 Tenth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. These rivet forges are built up of good material to insure long service under the severe operating conditions. The top, sides and bottom are of extra heavy steel plates, while the frame is made of heavy angle-irons. The furnace is lined with heat-resisting tile, asbestos insulation, and can be relined with standard fire-bricks. The forges comply with the safety and insurance requirements of the Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Companies and bear their label of approval.

The Venturi type oil burner with which each forge is equipped insures safety to the men operating the forge because the fuel is sucked up by the burner using 30 pounds compressed air pressure or more. This eliminates any pressure on the oil-supply tank, which is unsealed, making it impossible to put any pressure on the oil; in fact, the tank can be filled while the forge is in operation. The burner lights instantly and produces an intense soft-soaking heat. The flame does not strike the rivets directly. It is stated that the flame will heat a $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch or a 1-inch rivet as thoroughly as the smaller sizes.

This forge is made in three sizes: the Midget forge, which has an over-all height of 29 inches, a width of 20 inches, and a depth of 25 inches, and which can be carried by hand or crane any-



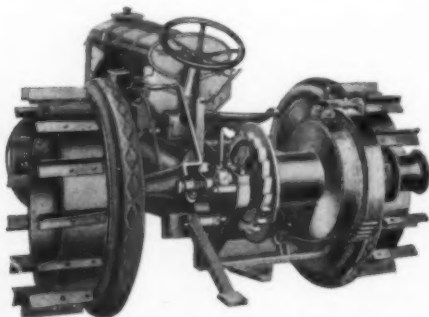
A HAUCK RIVET FORGE

where that is needed; the No. 507 forge, which has an over-all height of 44 inches and occupies a floor space of 28 x 42 inches; and the No. 504 forge, which has an over-all height of 46 inches and occupies a floor space of 36 x 54 inches. The latter two forges are mounted on wheels, so that they can be readily moved by one man.

The smallest size has an oil consumption of 1 gallon per hour and a heating capacity of 350 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 2-inch rivets per hour. The middle size has an oil consumption of $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallons per hour and a normal heating capacity of 300 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 3-inch rivets per hour, and the largest size consumes 2 gallons of oil per hour and has a normal heating capacity of 400 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 3-inch rivets per hour.

Substantial Improvements in Hoist for Fordson Tractors

Hoist Frame Is Easily Secured to Tractor, and Power Applied Through Roller-Chain Drive



THE IMPROVED HOIST IN PLACE ON FORDSON

A NEW style of hoist attachment for Fordson tractors has been placed on the market by the Clyde Iron Works Sales Company, Duluth, Minn. This hoist is of very sturdy construction and is attached in a manner that makes it as substantial as the tractor itself. The hoist frame is fastened to the Fordson tractor by eight of the bolts which connect the rear axle housing and the transmission housing, and three bolts through holes in the draw-bar cap. It is further held rigidly in place by guy rods which extend from the sides of the frame and are securely attached to the rear axle housing. The hoist frame is equipped with a draw-bar lug so that the tractor may be used for hauling purposes without removing the hoist or any part of it.

A winch head can be placed on any size of hoist that is large enough to permit its use for

auxiliary work. The hoist is so attached as to allow ample room between the winch head and the rear wheel of the tractor.

Power is applied through a roller-chain drive and sprockets from the pulley shaft of the Fordson. The pulley is removed and a sprocket installed in its place. A rod placed on the lever side of the hoist gives the operator full control of the throttle from his regular position. The drum is friction-driven and equipped with a ratchet and pawl, and an asbestos-lined brake band which is operated by a foot lever. This lever is placed in

a position for convenient operation. The hand lever is made of forged steel.

The drum bushings are lubricated by grease-cups. All the shaft bearings are babbitted and also lubricated with grease-cups. The drum-shaft bearing is equipped with removable caps. This hoist is built in three sizes—No. 4001 with a line pull of 4,000 pounds at 175 feet per minute, No. 4002 with a line pull of 4,700 pounds at 150 feet per minute, and No. 4003 with a line pull of 5,600 pounds at 125 feet per minute. The drum barrel has a capacity of 600 feet of ½-inch cable.

Mountain Climbing a New Job for Power Shovels

A One-Yard Shovel Climbs 3,000 Feet for Stripping-Operations

A STORY has recently come to our attention which is vouched for by many witnesses and several photographs, one of which we reproduce. The George E. Lee Coal Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., wanted to strip the overlay from a coal seam 3,000 feet up on a mountain. The cost of special machinery seemed prohibitive, so they decided to use their Model-E Orton & Steinbrenner one-yard shovel. The cost of dismantling and of hauling the parts one mile up on a mountain road and reassembling, also seemed high, so they decided to drive the shovel up under its own power.

The road was hard, being cut largely through solid rock, but it was very crooked and quite narrow in places, so a survey was made and the trip started. From the accompanying photograph, it will be seen that the crawler-treads barely squeezed through in some places. The first thing to be done was to ford a creek at the bottom of the mountain, which was a good test of the running gear, and then the up-hill climb began. Some fear was expressed that the Climax Model-T gas engine could not make the grade, but this mechanical goat, emulating mountain-climbing goats

which are common in the Alps, Rockies, and other places, kept right on climbing up grades as steep as 40 per cent in places, and reached the top without stalling once. The engine ran cool and showed plenty of reserve power at all times.



O & S ONE-YARD SHOVEL CLIMBING MOUNTAIN NEAR WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Recent Addition to Tilting-Drum Mixer Line

Outfit Designed for Jobs of Average Size

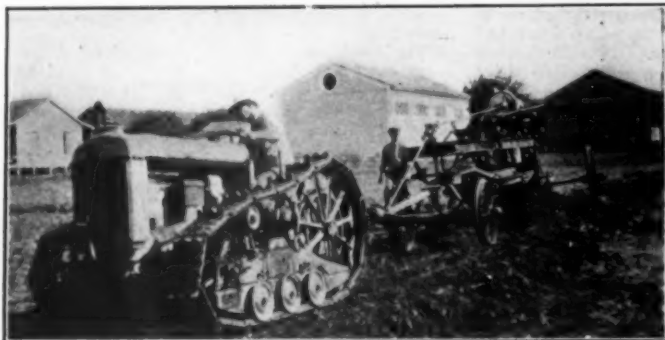
OF the recent additions to the mixers built by the Jaeger Machine Company, 701 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio, the new "Five" is one of the most interesting, as it is built particularly for handling the concrete work on jobs of average size, such as large sidewalk jobs, drive-ways, culverts, residences, churches, and the like. The mixing drum has the right capacity for a full-sack batch of 1:3:5 proportions and is the right size to economically handle this work.

This 5-L machine, illustrated, is complete with side loader, an accurate-measure tip-over water-tank and a gravity or balanced automatic device for turning the drum to loading and discharge

positions. It is powered with a Hercules 3-horsepower, one-cylinder gasoline engine with new power-saving features in lifting the loader bucket. One man can handle every operation of the mixer from one position.

The frame and trucks are of approved design and of sturdy construction, built entirely of high-grade steel. The frame is mounted on steel or automobile wheels with demountable rims and cushion or pneumatic tires, making the outfit readily portable.

These Jaeger Fives are made in six different models to adapt them to every requirement of the small contractor.



BUILDING A ROAD
ACROSS A CUBAN
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GRADER WITH 6-FOOT
BLADE DRAWN BY A
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Tractor Versus Ox in Cuban Road Building

Trackson-Fordson Increases Road-Building Efficiency 600 Per Cent

SIX and eight head of oxen have always been thought necessary for hauling and building in Cuba. These oxen are unbelievably slow and have a hauling capacity of but $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Also, they are very expensive, costing \$200 per head, with a heavy up-keep cost and much wasted time. According to Frank L. Jursik, the Cuban distributor, and E. E. Kuhn, a representative of the Trackson Full-Crawler Company, Milwaukee, Wis., Cubans are discarding the traditional ox for the Trackson-Fordson in road construction, thereby greatly increasing their road-building efficiency.

The Trackson traction has been found more important than speed, for many of the Cuban roads are wretchedly poor. The streets are seldom repaired and there are no real highways. During the six to eight months' rainy season the roadways are washed away quite rapidly. Holes one foot deep are common, and the two-wheeled ox-carts used for hauling sugar cane and logs cut ruts more than 8 inches deep in the roads, even in the driest months. Public sentiment is now calling for a central highway that will run across the island and be useful throughout the year, but the construction has not yet begun.

The era of the tractor has brought new road construction methods that will encourage street repair and maintenance, and the agitation for the central highway is the first tangible proof. The illustration reproduced above shows a Trackson-Fordson working on a job in Havana. A rooting plow was attached to the tractor, and an asphalt and rock road was plowed. At Florida, Cuba, a road was built across a field with a big 7-

foot blade Russell grader attached to the tractor. The field was not only furrowed with ruts cut by the two-wheeled carts, but was studded with tree stumps, logs, and loose sugar cane. Building a road across such a field as this would have been impossible with a wheeled tractor, as the added traction given by the Trackson tread was necessary.

At Camaguey it was necessary to get a special permit from the Mayor to haul a big load of paving brick in an ordinary dump-wagon through the main city streets and through the mud-holes. This was the first time such permission had ever been granted, and it was given to the Full-Crawler operator because the Trackson has no permanent cleats. In this city also the tractor climbed 18 per cent hills hauling 1,000 feet of mahogany logs on a heavy 4-wheeled wagon. No grouters were used until a series of small hills were reached which were covered with small lava rocks, and the grouters were added to give the machine greater traction.

During this demonstrating trip, which was aimed to show that the Trackson full-crawler could increase the draw-bar power of the Fordson more than 30 per cent, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Jursik met the line crew of the Phoenix Utility Company, which is now running a high-tension electric cable across and along the length of Cuba, and pulled three lengths of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter cable a mile long each across the field, stretching them over electric poles. This was at Ciego de Avila. The standard Fordson which the crew was using could not quite pull two lengths of cable a mile long across the rutty field.

Book Review

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE, VOLUME XXI.

Published by the Institute, 1807 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Mich. 1925. 682 pp. Illustrated.

The Annual Proceedings of the American Concrete Institute, in addition to the list of officers and members, technical committees, and by-laws, contains a summary of the proceedings of the Twenty-First Annual Convention held in Chicago, Ill., February 24-27, 1925, and the entire set of very valuable papers presented at that time. The following are among the more important papers

presented: Theory Must Aid Practice in Concrete Making; Concrete Mixtures Under Field Conditions; Notes on Laitance; Columns and Floor Forms—Examples of Framing and Releasing; Adjustable Shores Against 4 x 4 Shores; Notes on Construction of Concrete Stadium; Cracking in Cement Products; Proportioning Concrete Materials with Especial Reference to Highway Construction; Coefficient of Expansion Tests on Granite; Central Mixing Plants for the Manufacture of Pre-mixed Concrete; Finishes in Stucco; Inundation as a Practical Aid to Uniform Concrete; Concrete Products Plant Operation; Manufacture of Light Concrete Building Tile; and Committee Reports.



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New Attachment for a Power Shovel

Unique Crowding Device with Boom and Dipper Operated Through Live Drums Are Features

A ONE-HALF-YARD shovel which is unique in design and makes a valuable addition to the Bear-Cat shovel made by the Byers Machine Company, Ravenna, Ohio, has recently been announced. The Byers Bear-Cat is a gasoline-powered full-crawler unit operating excavating and handling attachments of $\frac{1}{2}$ -cubic-yard capacities. The machine itself is about three years old.

The latest of the attachments which have been developed is a half-yard shovel. The shovel is unique in that the crowding device is quite different from that usually found in gasoline shovels. The boom and dipper are both operated through live drums, the boom being raised and lowered to affect the crowd and to shake the dipper. In any shovel the effective crowding thrust can be only as great as the weight of the boom, regardless of the amount of power applied, because when sufficient power is applied at the shipper shaft of standard shovels to more than equal the weight

of the boom applied at this point, the boom will simply be raised and no more thrust applied to the dipper. With this in mind, the dipper stick on the Bear Cat is hinged to the boom directly and the design so carried out that the operator has absolute control of the boom, providing the maximum crowding effort in either direction and at the same time eliminating the shipper shaft mechanism and crowd drums which are usually found in this equipment. This eliminates wear at this point and reduces the cost of the additional mechanism.

The shovel has the same dumping clearance as $\frac{3}{4}$ -yard machines, and digs a level floor when required, and the dipper may be shaken to dump sticky material very efficiently. A daily yardage of between 300 and 400 may be usually expected, according to the manufacturers, who also claim very low first cost and cost of operation for the entire machine.



**A BYERS
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A Front-Crawler Light-Weight Model Gas-Drive Excavator

Machine Has Unusual Strength and Power Despite Comparative Light Weight

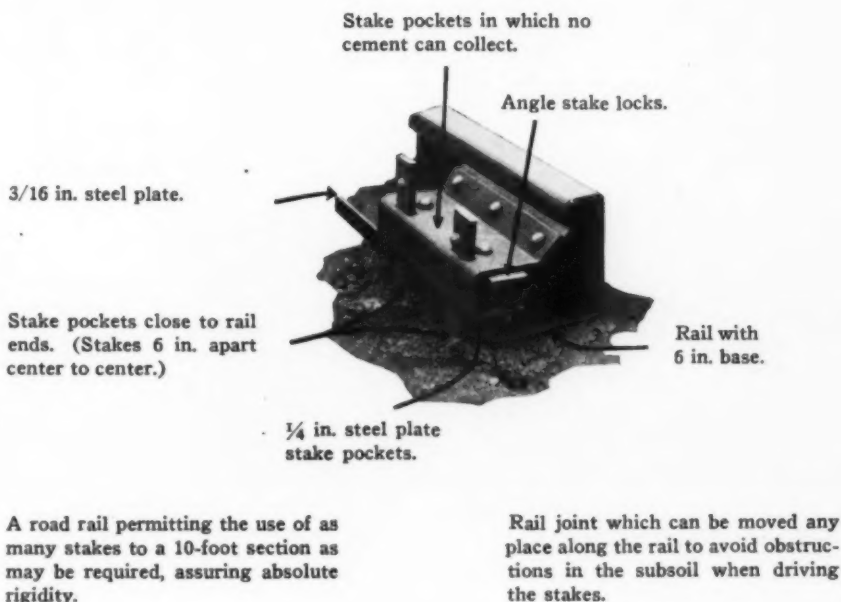
SEVERAL manufacturers have set out to definitely prove that a power shovel can have rugged strength, power, punch, and efficiency and at the same time be comparatively light and portable. Various types of Keystone shovels have been on the market for twelve years and have demonstrated that an effective excavator can be built light enough for country bridges and quick moving. The new Model-4 front-crawler Keystone excavator made by the Keystone Driller Company, Beaver Falls, Pa., weighs about 17 tons, which includes about 1 ton of ballast. The wheel-base is 15 feet 8 inches, giving a desirable distribution of weight and increased stability. A half-length crawler of approved design has been mounted under the boom fulcrum, where the great-

est weight and stresses are centered. This results in giving the machine admirable traction. It will negotiate any truck-passable road in low speed and will go one or two miles per hour.

The present Keystone Model-4 is the latest of nine models, each of which embodies a distinctive step in advance of its predecessors. It is built with the half-circle swing idea because this type of construction offers certain advantages in rigidity of foundation frame and economy of operation which the manufacturer feels have to be sacrificed in a full-revolving excavator.

The outstanding Keystone ideas in earth excavation, namely, the skimmer bucket and pull-stroke ditcher, are embodied in this machine. The skimmer is a heavy, effective scoop of $\frac{3}{4}$ -yard capac-

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ity, carried on six chilled rolls with a dropping bottom hinged at the two ends. Because of its 14-foot horizontal crowd, it works remarkably well on shallow repaving jobs, tearing up old concrete, macadam, paving blocks, etc., with ease. The pull-stroke ditcher also has a bottom hinged at the toothed end, the bottom swinging free when dumping. The bucket is self-cleaning, so that even the narrowest bucket, 14 inches wide, can be operated in gumbo and sticky clay. Eight sizes up to 54 inches are manufactured, all of them usable on the same machine with the same set of attachments. The 24-inch and 30-inch buckets are

most commonly used for ditching and cellar digging.

The Keystone ditching machine always stands on solid ground when working and is adaptable where any width or depth up to 20 feet is required. It can handle cellar excavation from the street level and does not have to be hauled out of the pit at the completion of the job.

The new Model-4 is powered with a 54-horsepower, 4-cylinder gas engine. The machine will handle a 1/2-yard clam-shell if desired for unloading cars, with boom extension and attachments which are not expensive.

Side-Dump Truck Body Saves Time

No Backing and Maneuvering into Position—Roadway Is Always Left Clear

A SIDE-DUMPING truck body built specially for Ford trucks and mechanically operated with little effort, has been placed on the market by the Herr Dump Car Manufacturing Company, Coatesville, Pa. This side-dump body is designed so that it fits exactly on the sills of the chassis, giving an even distribution of body weight. This distribution, according to the manu-

facturers, is maintained during the dumping operation, which is accomplished without jar or strain on any part of the truck frame.

The body is a self-contained unit which is carried upon its own sub-frame, that fits exactly on the sills of the Ford chassis frame that carries it. The sub-frame is secured in position by U-bolts



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that dumps clean every time. The capacity of the body is 1 1/4 cubic yards level.

Contractors have evidenced unusual interest in this new dump body because of the saving in time and cost in handling hauling. A Washington contractor reports an extra profit or 10 per cent due to speeding up all down the line.

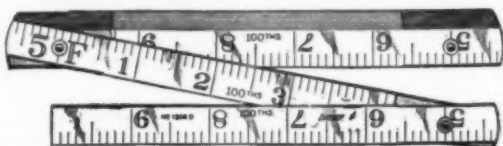
A New Folding Aluminum Rule

Graduations in Tenths and Hundredths of Feet of Advantage to Engineers, Surveyors, and Contractors

A FOLDING aluminum rule, graduated in tenths and hundredths of feet, is now offered by the Lufkin Rule Company, Saginaw, Mich., supplementing its line of aluminum rules with inch markings. The tenth-rule is designed to meet the needs of engineers, surveyors, contractors, highway builders, and others in related lines of work. As its opposite side bears the common graduation, feet, inches and sixteenths, the rule is suitable for all ordinary measuring. Graduations begin at the same end on both sides, so that a tenth measurement can readily be converted into terms of inches and vice versa.

This new rule is made in 6-foot lengths with 6-inch sections. It can be supplied either with or without an end hook. The end hook is particularly

valuable in making measurements out of arm's reach. It readily folds up and remains flush with the end of the rule when not needed. The zero point falls at the inside of the hook when open, and at the extreme end of the rule when the hook is closed.



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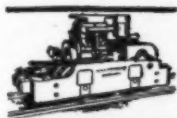
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Concrete Cribbing in Railroad Grade-Elimination Work

Advantages of Cribbing Over Solid Wall Construction

IN connection with improvements and grade-elimination work along the Pennsylvania Railroad system at Cleveland, O., which was effected by raising the tracks, it was found necessary to build one track 10 feet higher than the right of way at the Pennsylvania warehouse. This was done so that the first floor of the warehouse, which had already been completed, would be on the same elevation as the floor of cars which were to be loaded and unloaded. An interlocking flexible concrete cribbing of I-beam construction was used for this work. It was found that by the use of concrete cribbing, practically all of the vibration caused by running two of the largest Baldwin locomotives over the structure was absorbed. The cribbing consists essentially of two members, a face member or stretcher and an anchor member or header, the design being such that the header and stretcher "automatically" interlock and square away. No

level, in order to get below the frost line. Curvature is not difficult to take care of with this type of cribbing, as by proper and careful adjustment of stretcher lengths any desired radius of curvature can be easily and accurately maintained. Temporary crib walls, which are often necessary in railroad terminals, may be laid and relaid as often as desired, without any waste or deterioration in the cribbing.

The stretchers in this system of cribbing are 6 and 12 feet in length, 8 inches high, and $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide. They are made in the form of an I-beam reinforced with $6\frac{1}{4}$ -inch square twisted bars running the full length of each member. Tie wires are used to keep the steel accurately and positively positioned. The tie wires are placed on 12-inch centers and 7 inches from the end. To doubly insure the accurate positioning of the reinforcing steel, washers are placed at intervals of 2 feet



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dowels are used and there is no mortaring whatsoever.

At one end of the job it was found necessary to clear a switch stand. Expensive special form work would have been required in a monolithic wall in order to make this clearance. The R. C. Products Company, 1048 Engineers Building, Cleveland, Ohio, was able to accomplish the same results with their concrete cribbing by building a notch of about one foot at practically no additional expense or trouble.

No special equipment is necessary for laying this type of wall. The units are handled by very few men, thus reducing the cost of erection to a low figure. The wall can be built one section at a time and the excavation for each section used as a backfill for that preceding. In the job mentioned above it was unnecessary to build the wall in this manner, so that it was built the entire length and the backfill hand-rammed in 8-inch layers in order to compact it around each member.

No massive foundation was required, the wall being started about 23 inches below the ground

around each bar. The headers are of lengths varying from 3 to 12 feet. They are equipped at each end with automatic interlockers of reinforced concrete. These take the place of what was formerly designated as filler and pillow blocks, and are now poured in direct attachment to the header.

The automatic interlocker does away with dowels, which are sometimes used in cribbing. In laying the wall, the bin construction was used. The joints are alternately broken, so that they are evenly distributed over the entire walls. Headers are spaced on 3-foot centers. Similar construction is used in the rear of the wall.

The headers may be staggered, if desired, or be of bin construction. All members are carefully designed to withstand the loads and earth pressure to which they are subjected in retaining the earth fill, not overlooking the proper width of opening to permit drainage and still not permit dirt to pass through the opening in the face of the wall. This is a very important point and cannot be stressed too greatly. Earth should not pass until the slope exceeds the $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1.



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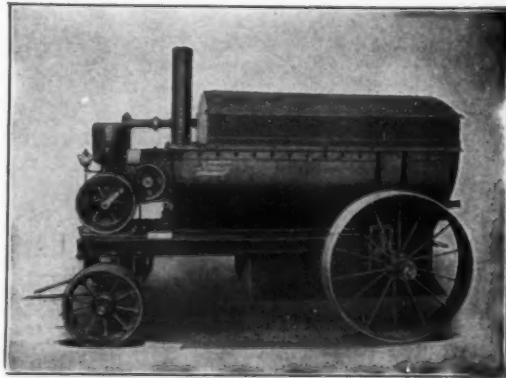


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Walls may be built of R. C. concrete cribbing to a height of 50 feet. Particular attention was given in designing both headers and stretchers to keep the weight of the unit within reasonable limits, so that the cost of handling could be kept at a minimum and so that a wall of any desired height could be erected by a small gang of common laborers without the need and help of special construction equipment.

The stretchers weigh 31 pounds per foot and the headers 35 pounds. No particular skill is necessary in erecting this type of cribbing, care being

taken only to obtain the proper foundation and batter. Some of the walls which have been constructed of this material have had a batter of only one inch to the foot because of the necessity of conserving every bit of ground in the railroad terminals. The usual batter is 2 inches per foot, and for certain unusual walls of excessive height it has been found desirable to use a batter of 3 inches and to go back into the rear of the wall with three rows of 6-foot headers, which is possible only through this system of interlocking of headers and stretchers.

Building the Largest Rock-Fill Dam in the World

Notes on the Construction of the Dix River Dam

THE Kentucky Hydro-Electric Company, through L. E. Myers & Company of Chicago, is now building one of the highest rock-fill dams in the world, on the Dix River, a placid stream in Kentucky. The Dix River at the point of this development flows at the bottom of a deep gorge between almost perpendicular cliffs which are between 300 and 400 feet high. The dam, which is now under construction, will be 900 feet long at the crest, 720 feet wide at the base, and 270 feet high. A road 20 feet wide will cross the top.

The dam will require approximately 1,600,000 yards of rock fill. This rock is obtained by excavating the spillway of the dam a short distance from the west wall of the gorge. The water in the gorge will be backed up for a distance of 33 miles. Every important labor-saving device known in modern construction work is being used on this job to facilitate quick construction. It is estimated that close to a quarter of a million feet of Williamsport Wire Rope alone is being used on the job.



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In the design of this engine many of the features of other models of Buda engines are used, although a few changes have been made to take care of conditions which prevail in the larger engines. The cylinder blocks are cast in pairs to facilitate handling, and the crank-case is made of

gray iron and is of deep section, making the engine very rigid. The crank-case is equipped with large hand-hold plates on the carburetor side for inspection or adjustment purposes.

The intake and exhaust manifold design is the same as in smaller models of Buda engines, being of a special heated type, making it possible to use the lower grades of gasoline. Because of the highly developed manifold of this engine, no hot-air stove is necessary, and dry gas enters the cylinders at a lower temperature than is encountered with other types of engines. This results in a higher volumetric efficiency, which means more power. The exhaust manifold has a vertical center outlet which makes a convenient connection for

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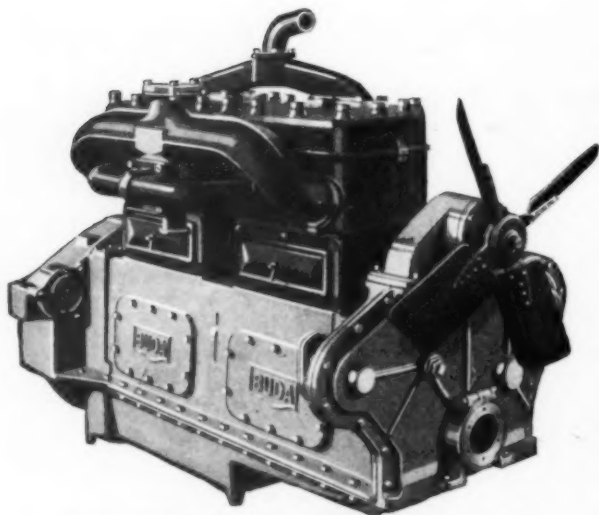
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The oiling system is of the same kind of force-feed lubrication used in other models of Buda engines. The gear type of oil pump is driven from the cam-shaft and forces the oil through seamless steel tubing which is cast in the crank-case. Passages leading from this oil line to the main cam-shaft and rod bearings are drilled. The connecting rod bearings are forged with a rib in the center, through which is drilled an oil passage leading

to the floating wrist-pin. Thus, all the working parts of the engine are under forced lubrication and there are no threaded oil connections in any part of the motor to leak or work loose.

One new feature of this engine is the oil-draining valve, the handle of which is brought up the side of the crank-case to a convenient location to the water pump. To drain the engine, it is not necessary to get underneath and remove the plug from the drain, as this is taken care of by turning the lever on the side of the crank-case. The lever is supplied with a snap lock so that there will be no chance of turning it accidentally. This engine is equipped with flange mounting for a two-unit electric generator and starter system. These mountings are made according to S.A.E. standards for a 12-volt system.

As this engine is designed primarily for industrial purposes such as cranes, hoists, air-compressors, shovels, pumps, and many other types of equipment, the fly-wheel is arranged to take a Twin Disc power take-off, which is recommended for this engine. Before the engine was designed, a very careful study of the operating conditions was made and the design made in accordance with these studies. The crank-shaft and bearings are exceptionally large, the shaft being 3 inches in diameter and the connecting rod bearings also 3 inches in diameter.

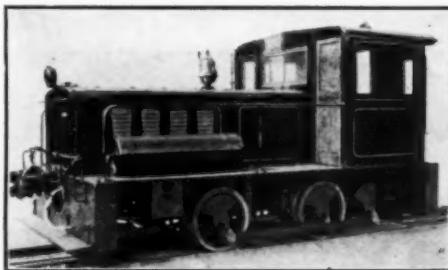
The engine may be purchased either in the bare condition shown in the illustration or with operating equipment, such as magneto, impulse starter, coupling, carburetor, governor, clutch power take-off, radiator, and sheet metal housing and steel base.

A New 20-Ton Gasoline Locomotive

Model HS-20 Built to Meet Demand for Heavier Units

THIS new 20-ton Vulcan gasoline locomotive has been designed and constructed very much along the same lines as the other models built by the Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Steam locomotive practice is followed very closely in the chassis construction, the frame being of open-hearth cast steel, which affords long life and accessibility to all underneath parts. The springs are of the elliptic type with a cross-equalizing arrangement giving three-point suspension. On a standard-gage track in shifting railroad cars, for which this machine is primarily adapted, the locomotive is furnished with M. C. B. automatic couplers with spring buffer and draft rigging arrangement in the bumpers. This device takes up the shocks encountered in coupling and relieves the strain in pulling and pushing the heavy railroad cars, thereby protecting the motor and other working parts of the locomotive. The locomotive is mounted on four steel-tired driving wheels, and is powered with a 6-cylinder, 125-horse-power motor.

The motor is a heavy-duty industrial type with crank-shaft of drop-forged chrome nickel steel heat-treated and accurately machined as well as counterbalanced, thus permitting the engine to run at a moderately high speed without undue vibration.



DETAILS OF VULCAN 20-TON LOCOMOTIVE



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Above is shown one of the two United "Constructors" operated by B. L. Berryman, contractor, of Miami Beach, Florida, working on a new development at Atlantic Shores, where a 225,000 yard fill is under way.

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A built-in, well-lubricated, gear-driven governor is provided to guard the engine against overspeeding and racing. There is a centrifugal type water pump of ample size to provide proper cooling and also a forced-feed lubricating system.

The ignition system is of the dual type from a high-tension magneto with impulse coupling and a battery distribution with coil. Two spark-plugs per cylinder are used, the magneto being connected to the spark-plug over the intake valve, and the battery distributor to the spark-plug.

The motor is equipped with modern accessories such as electric starter and generator, Stromberg carburetor, and storage battery. The locomotive is provided with an oversize multiple-disc clutch running in a bath of oil, providing for an easy and smooth starting of the load with very light pressure on the foot pedal, thus making pedaling very comfortable.

The transmission is a trouble-proof transmission that insures efficiency by completely eliminating gear clashing and the difficulties that grow out of gear shifting. By using constant mesh gears, instead of the sliding type, speed changes are made more quickly and easily without loss of acceleration to the locomotive. The gear changes are made by the engagement of indestructible jaw clutches.

Gears, clutches, and shafts are chrome nickel alloy steel forgings, properly heat-treated and hardened, thereby insuring long life with few replacements. The final drive is by means of driving and parallel rods from cranks on the jack-shaft to the crank-pins in the driving wheel, traction being thus provided on all wheels.

The air equipment is of the straight air and automatic brake type, complete with air-compressor, distributor valve, reservoirs, and all accessories. The air-compressor is driven from the power take-off on the transmission and is provided with an automatic governor throwing the air-compressor out of engagement when the pressure in the reservoir reaches a predetermined point.

The cab on the standard-gage locomotive is built very wide to enable the operator to take all train signals when handling wide box cars and other railroad rolling stock. All the controls inside the cab are conveniently located for the operator to manipulate without leaving his seat near the window on the right side of the cab. The locomotive is designed for four speeds forward and four speeds reverse, geared from 2 to 15 miles per hour with a maximum draw-bar pull of 12,000 pounds. It has a comparatively short wheel-base, making it easy to negotiate reasonably sharp curves.

New Diaphragm Pump for Muddy or Gritty Water

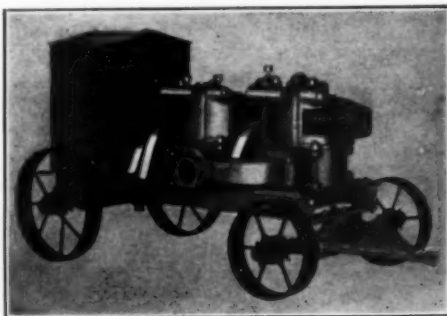
Specially Designed with Skid or Truck Mounting for Use in Unwatering Footings, Trenches, Cellars, and Coffer-Dams

A NEW type of diaphragm trench or bilge pump which is mounted either on skids or trucks for the use of builders and general contractors in pumping water from footings, trenches, cellars, and coffer-dams, or on public works, has been developed by the C. H. & E. Manufacturing Company, Inc., Milwaukee, Wis. The difficulty which is experienced with many diaphragm pumps in the splashing of muddy waters is entirely eliminated in this pump, because the discharge end is long and leads the water away from all working parts.

This "Mud Hen" diaphragm pump has a water-hopper-cooled, 1½-horse-power gasoline engine with magneto and is capable of handling 6,000 gallons per hour with an extreme suction lift of 22 feet. The over-all length of the outfit is 38 inches, the width 33 inches, and the net weight of the outfit on a truck is only 700 pounds.

The truck frame consists of 4-inch channels with heavy iron plate ties, making a strong base. The entire speed reduction from the engine to the pump is made by one set of machine-cut, saw-tooth

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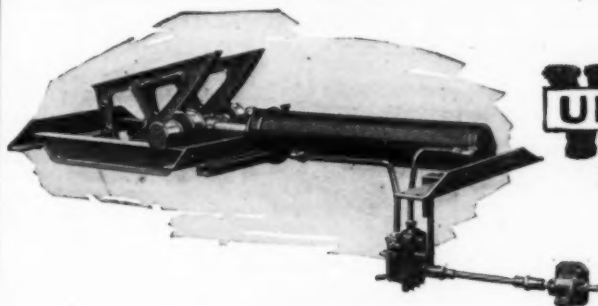
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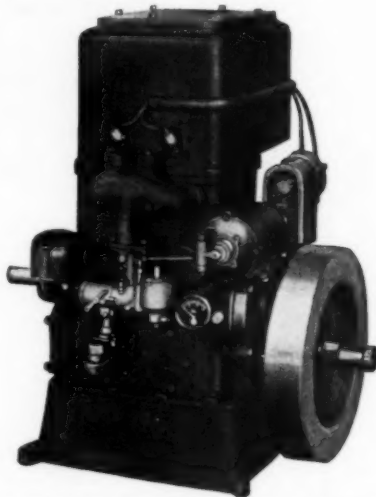
Well-known Manufacturers Extend Single-Cylinder Line

DESIRING that their new two-cylinder engines may fully live up to the reputation established by the single-cylinder model NB engine for continuous economical and dependable performance in the field, the Fuller & Johnson Manufacturing Company, Madison, Wis., has spent several years in the development of this unit, testing it for long periods before placing it on the market.

This engine is designed especially for industrial work and may be operated in either direction of rotation. It is built either for taking power from the crank-shaft or from a separate low-speed shaft with gear reductions approximately 2 to 1, which is standard, also $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 1, and 3 to 1. This separate back-gear power shaft makes it possible to have ample-size shafts and bearings and to supply different gear ratios to suit the user's requirements. A double row of ball bearings carries the power end of the low-speed shaft.

The manufacturers state that the design is rigid, the weight moderate, and the engine easy to start and particularly well balanced, eliminating vibration. It is rated from 5 to 9 horsepower, according to the speed, which varies from 900 to 1,200 r.p.m. on the main shaft and 300 to 600 r.p.m. on the back gear shaft. A special fly-ball governor gives close speed regulation.

There are large waterways around the cylinder valves to insure proper cooling. The engine is furnished for either radiator or tank cooling and



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Circular Steel Storage Bins

Interesting Installation in Seattle, Wash.

STEEL bins have been adopted as standard equipment by the Pioneer Sand and Gravel Company, Seattle, Wash., because it has been found that additional space is gained by this method of installation; dead storage is reduced; they are easy to operate; and there is a saving in labor, as the driver controls the delivery of the material from the bin to the truck without needing to leave his seat.

This plant of the Pioneer Sand and Gravel Company covers approximately 300 feet of water-front and is 400 feet deep. There is a circular railroad track laid around the plant. Scows come in from

the sound and load alongside the docks, and the material is handled from the scows to the Blaw-Knox circular bins or to ground storage. The location of the bin is adjacent to its own ground storage, so that recharging operations are as efficient as possible. The locomotive crane used in handling material is a Link-Belt 25-ton crane equipped with a $1\frac{1}{4}$ -yard Blaw-Knox Speedster bucket. The delivery of this plant at the present time is about 1,000 yards per day, exclusive of the central concrete-mixing plant. There are two circular steel bins of 85 tons capacity each, and four circular steel bins of 135 tons capacity each.



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A FEW months ago the Taft Realty Company, of Los Angeles, contracted with the Miller-Burke Construction Company to do a lot of grading and excavation for them on one of their suburban developments. The Miller-Burke Company did not want to buy a new shovel and yet the engine in their old power shovel was worn out and would not stand up to the heavy job at hand. They called on the Los Angeles branch of the Climax Engineering Company, Clinton, Iowa, to help them out.



A CLOSE-UP OF THE REPAIR JOB

A thorough investigation showed that the old engine of the marine type was mounted on a cast iron base which also carried an outboard main bearing and idler gear bearings for the reduction gear. The space between the boom truss-rods was not quite long enough for the new engine as it stood, and various other things had to be done to put the Climax Model K engine in the cab. Altogether, it looked like a hopeless case, one of those jobs which contractors say "can't be done." Bids ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 were made by several machine rebuilders for mounting alone. The Climax Company took the job for \$218, plus \$86 for two new gears, in addition to the cost of the engine, and made a profit. The success of the job is shown by the fact that the operator snapped a steel cable the first time he put the shovel in the ground, without stalling the new Climax engine.

The details of the job are interesting because so many contractors think it does not pay to replace their old engines with new and better equipment. On the Miller-Burke job the heavy cast iron base was used by planing some metal off the top and adding two $3 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$ -inch steel angles to carry the new engine. The angles were left long enough to extend forward and carry the radiator also, and everything properly lined up with the outboard bearing at the rear. New pinions and idler gears were supplied and an extension added to the starting crank so that the engine could be started from outside the cab.

One of the most interesting things done was to change one of the boom truss rods in order to avoid the front cylinder of the engine. This is the rod shown near the radiator in the accompanying illustration. A piece was welded into this rod, a bend made to dodge the engine, and a brace made of 3-inch extra-heavy pipe, also showing in the photograph, placed between the bend and the floor alongside the engine. This holds the truss rod firm and gives plenty of room for the Climax engine.

By changing the engine, the Miller-Burke Company made money and avoided the necessity of buying a new shovel.

The Advantages of Steel Ties for Street Railway Tracks

A Type of Construction Rapidly Coming into General Use

DISTINCTLY new construction methods for renewable paved track in city streets have been developed by the International Steel Tie Company, Cleveland, Ohio, through the manufacture of its steel Twin Tie track.

The Twin Tie in its simplest form provides an effective bearing area when spaced at 6-foot intervals, equivalent to wood ties on 2-foot centers. With 7 inches of concrete below the base of the rail, these ties furnish the same effective bearing on the subgrade as wooden ties. A Twin Tie is a fabricated structural steel product made up of two 3-inch, 4-pound channels 6 feet, 2 inches long

for standard gage, spaced 2 feet, 9 inches back to back and riveted together with two $\frac{5}{16} \times 13 \times 36$ -inch steel plates. These plates are centered with the rail base so that equal bearing is provided on both sides. Each plate is provided with four punched holes for the rail fastenings, as well as four $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameter holes clearing the rail base and so spaced as to show whether the tamping has placed the ballast material in complete contact under the plate. When these ties are to be used in rock ballast the plates have their two longitudinal edges warped downward $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to form a tamping pocket beneath them and also to serve as

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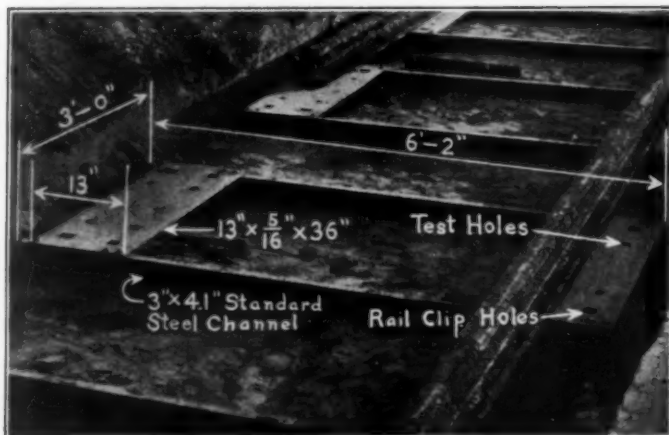
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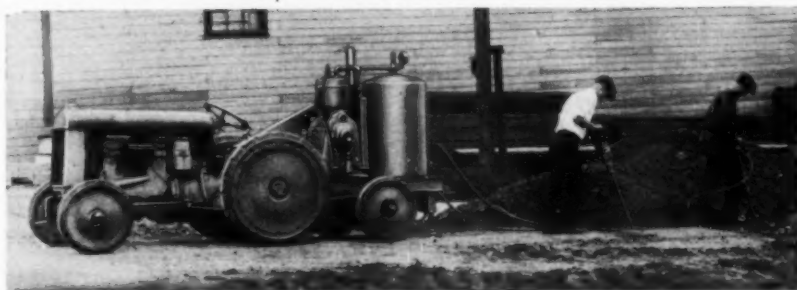
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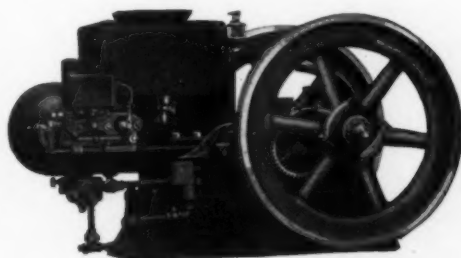
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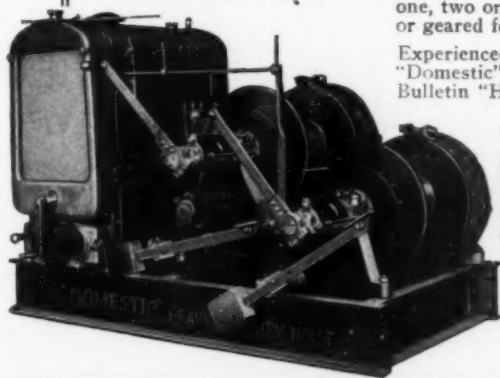
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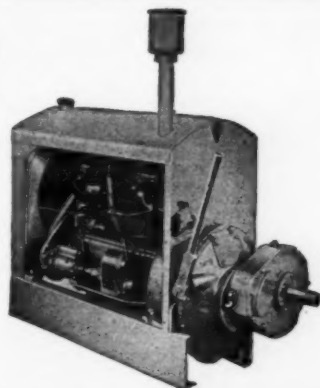
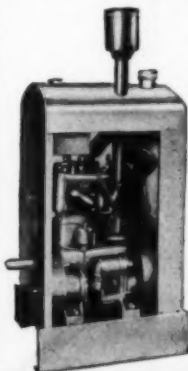
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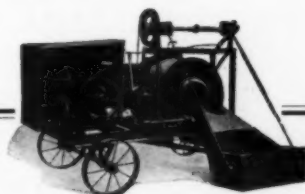


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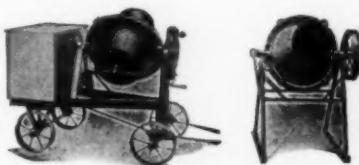
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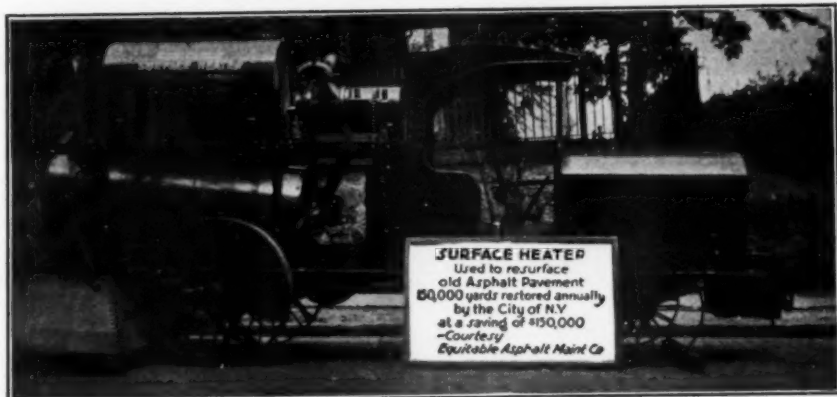
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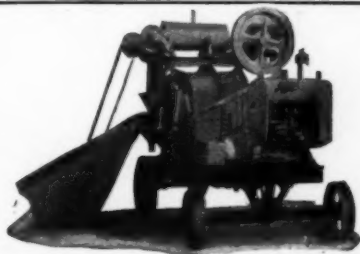
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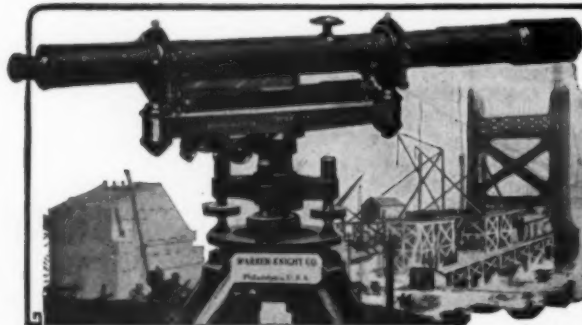
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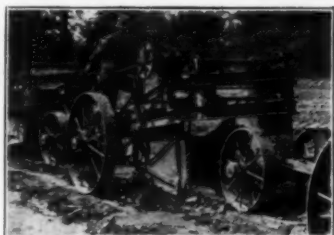
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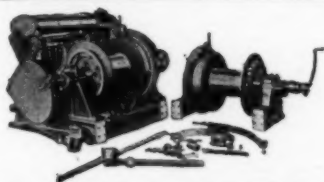
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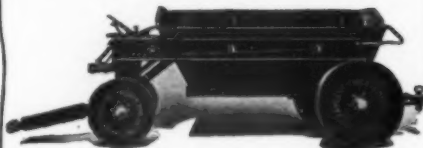
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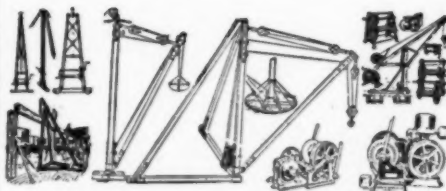
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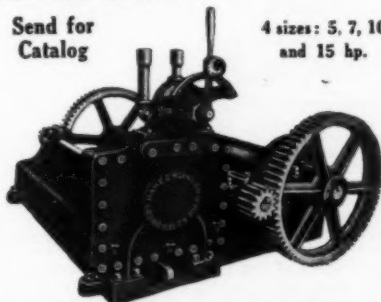
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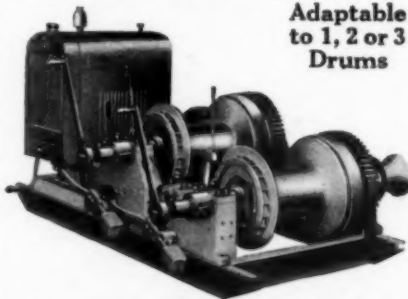
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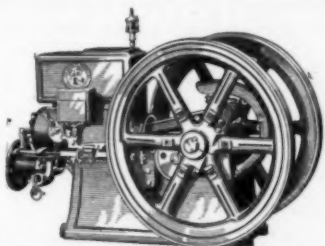
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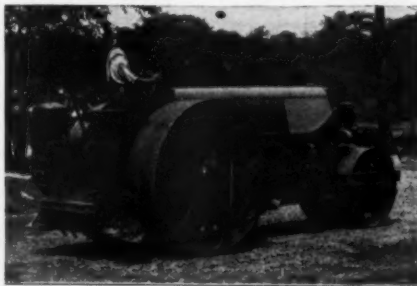
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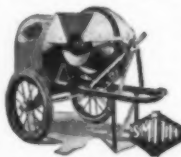
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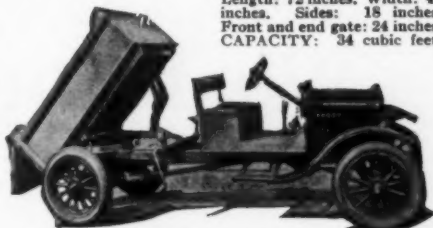
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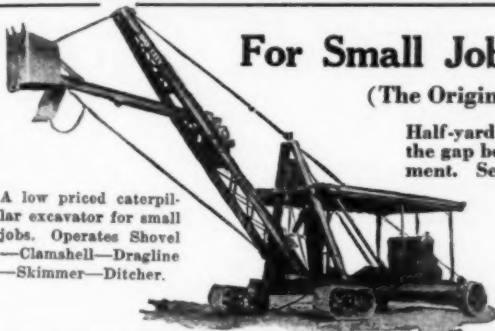
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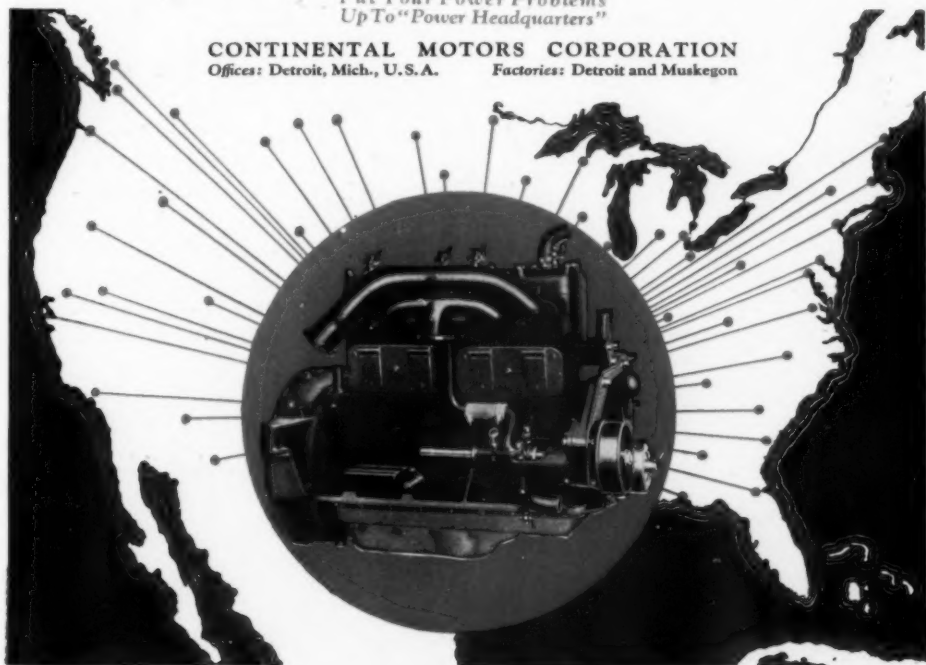
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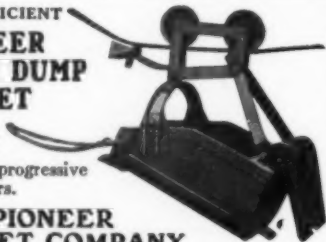
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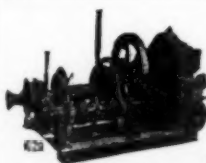


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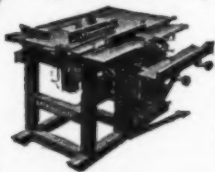
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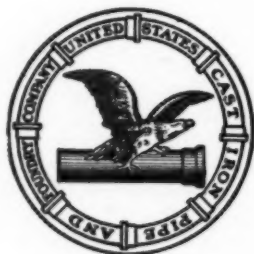
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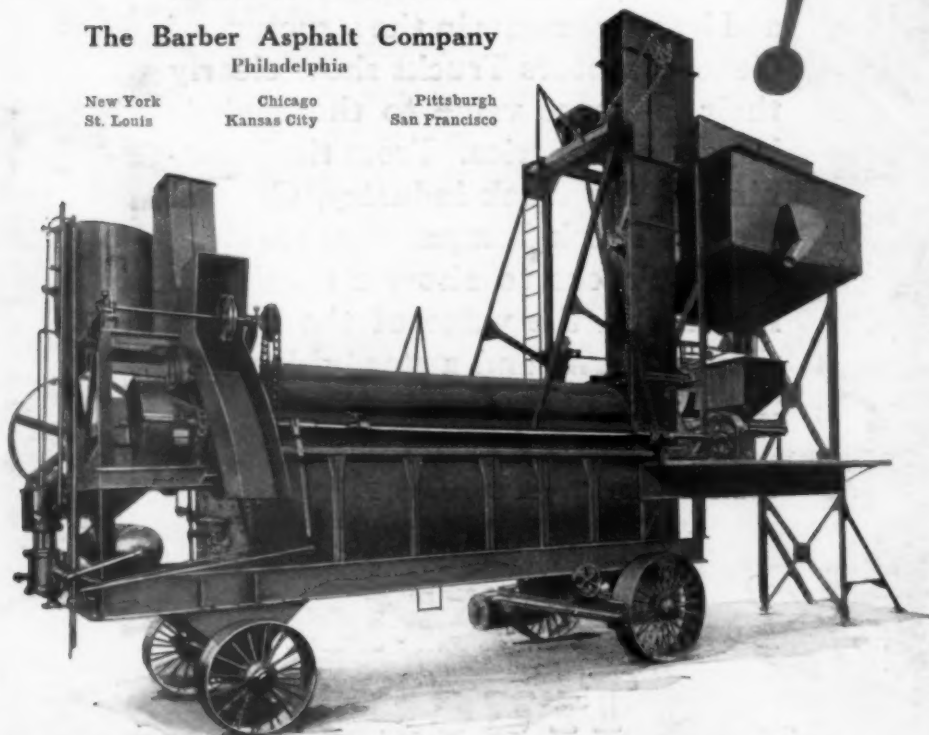
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